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The Grand Commandery was formed in due array, and the Grand Asylum was opened at 1 o'clock, P. M., the Sir Knights joining in the devotions, with E. Sir Thomas A. Doyle, as Grand Prelate.

Permanent Members Present, being Past Grand Officers.

E. Sir JAMES HUTCHISON,
E. Sir NICHOLAS VAN SLYCK,
E Sir WILLIAM B. BLANDING,
E. Sir THOMAS A. DOYLE,
E. Sir HENRY CHICKERING.

Past Eminent Commanders, not elsewhere represented.

Sir OLIVER JOHNSON,
Sir A. H. CUSHMAN,
Sir ROBERT E. DWELLY,
Sir WILLIAM JACKSON,
Sir SPENCER P. REED,
Sir JOHN ELDRED,
Sir J. SEWALL READ,
Sir E. J. NIGHTINGALE,
Sir H. C. FIELD,
Sir HENRY WARREN,
Sir A. H. HOWLAND, Jr.,
Sir JOHN HAIGH,
Sir S. W. RAZEE,
Sir BOWDOIN S. PARKER,
Sir GEORGE W. RAY.

The records having been printed and distributed, the reading thereof was dispensed with.

The Grand Recorder stated that it should appear that the motion offered by E. Sir Thomas A. Doyle (see page 61 printed proceedings, 1876) was adopted, as shown by written records.

The R. E. Grand Commander announced that he had appointed E. Sirs George A. Burnham and John P. Luther a Committee on refreshments at 12.30 P. M., and to be served at the close of the Assembly.

The R. E. Grand Commander welcomed Past Grand Master Sir James Hutchison, who was created a Knight Templar in St. John's Encampment, February 4th, 1822, also General Sir E. J. Mallett, knighted in the same body, October 1st, 1821, into the Grand Asylum.

The R. E. Grand Commander then delivered the following

ADDRESS.

Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery:

That man is born to die, is one of the lessons made impressive in the solemn ceremonies of our Order. We press into service fitly chosen words and suggestive tokens that the fact of our common mortality may be made evident, and we be reminded that this earthly state is not our permanent home. But there are other and still more striking ways in which this truth is forced upon our attention. As friend after friend steps out of life's procession here, and goes over to the great majority, we are touched by the feeling of human weakness and decay, and are brought to realize that the grave is not far away from any one of us. Blessed be God that with this sombre thought we can join another and more cheerful reflection, as we keep in mind the hopeful view Christian Knighthood presents, that, though we are pilgrims and sojourners upon the earth, we are yet journeying to a city which hath foundations, even the new Jerusalem on high.

Since we were last together death has taken away a prominent member of this Body who has held important Masonic positions.

Sir Horace Daniels, of Pawtucket, Past Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, finished his earthly course on Thursday, December 14th, 1876. His death came almost without warning, and was therefore a greater shock to his family and to the large circle of friends who held him very close to their hearts.

The deceased was an active and zealous Mason, especially interested in the Order of Christian Knighthood, for whose advancement he gave liberally of his thought, time and means. He was a public spirited and influential citizen; an honorable, courteous gentleman, a true man. In his life and character he made good illustration of the teachings of the Institution, and both for love's sake and for his works' sake we may well cherish the memory of this faithful and eminent Sir Knight, who has now passed on to his reward.

The funeral services, which were held at Pawtucket on the Monday following his death, were of an impressive character.

Holy Sepulchre Commandery and Jenks Lodge had charge of the obsequies, and performed, respectively, the Templar and Lodge services of burial. The Grand Commandery was represented by the V. E. Deputy Grand Commander, the E. Grand Generalissimo, and others of the Grand Officers. The Grand Commander was necessarily absent from the jurisdiction on the day of the funeral.

Outside of the lines of our own Grand Commandery two illustrious Knights Templars have recently passed away, who were so widely known that I deem it proper to refer to them specially in this connection.

Dr. John Dove, died in Richmond, Va., on the 25th of November, 1876, in the eighty-fifth year of his age, having been for more than three-score years devotedly attached to the principles and practical working of the various Masonic organizations. By his genius and culture, no less than by his zeal and fidelity, he rendered rare services to the several Grand Bodies of Virginia, and contributed not a little to the enlargement and prosperity of the Institution in localities far distant from his own State. In his death a light in the Masonic world is extinguished; and Christian Knighthood mourns the taking away of one who exemplified in a large degree those graces of ancient chivalry which are the distinguishing badges of our profession. We mourn the loss of the veteran Christian soldier, but we rejoice that he leaves behind him so glorious a record: *By it, being dead, he yet speaketh.*

More recently still, on the 10th of last month, another whose name is a household word wherever Masonry is recognized, and who was the Representative of this Grand Commandery near the Grand Commandery of Missouri, met his fate in so tragical a way as to make his death seem a greater shock. George Frank Gouley had acquired an extended and enviable reputation. As a Masonic writer and reviewer he held a pre-eminent place. He had brains, and culture, and positive convictions, while his whole character was saturated with the most generous sentiments, so that he made his influence felt in every department of Masonic work and accomplishment. For a number of years he had been especially active in Masonic Templarism, and at the time of his death he was Grand Recorder of the

Grand Commandery of Missouri, and Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. In the prime of his vigor and usefulness this distinguished Knight has been cut down, and thousands of hearts all the land over are chastened by the sad event.

"Among the dead our Brother sleeps,
His life was rounded true and well;
And love in bitter sorrow weeps
Above his dark and silent cell."

I will now place before you as briefly as possible such of my official acts as seem to be of sufficient importance to require mention and record. In pursuance of a duty enjoined upon the Grand Commander by the Constitution, I issued General Order No. 1, making the assignment of Commanderies for Official Inspection, as follows:

First.—To the R. E. Grand Commander: St. Johns, St. Omer, Berkshire, Connecticut Valley.

Second.—To the V. E. Sir John Dean, Deputy Grand Commander: Pilgrim, Calvary, Sutton, Winslow Lewis, Jerusalem, Joseph Warren, William Parkman, Cœur de Lion.

Third.—To the E. Sir Nelson W. Aldrich, Grand Generalissimo: Boston, Newburyport, De Molay, Holy Sepulchre, Palestine, Bethany, Godfrey de Bouillon, Olivet.

Fourth.—To the E. Sir George E. Stacy, Grand Captain General: Washington, Worcester County, Springfield, Haverhill, Woonsocket, Northampton, Natick, Athol.

Fifth.—To the E. Sir E. L. Freeman, Grand Lecturer: St. Bernard, Bristol, South Shore, Bay State.

Sixth.—To the E. Sir E. Dana Bancroft, Grand Lecturer: Milford, Hugh de Payens, Narragansett, Gethsemane.

Seventh.—To the E. Sir Charles M. Avery, Grand Lecturer: Old Colony, Trinity, Cypress.

The several visiting officers were especially enjoined to notice whether or not the Orders were conferred in accordance with the ritual established in this jurisdiction, and were directed to report the condition of the Commanderies visited by them, respectively, on or before October 1st, 1877.

I regard these official visitations as something more than mere matters of form, affording occasions for the interchange of courtesies between the representatives of this Grand Body and its subordinates. They should be visits of inspection in fact as well as in name, and every officer assigned to such a duty should understand that he is expected to make himself acquainted with the condition of the body visited, note any departures from the ritual in the work, give attention to the general order of procedure, that some practical results of good in the increased efficiency of the several Commanderies may be brought about by these annual visitations. Agreeable festivities may or may not be connected with such occasions, but it should always be borne in mind what is the primary and chief object of the official visitation.

DISPENSATIONS.

I have granted several dispensations authorizing the balloting on applications for the Orders within the time fixed in the Digest, four weeks; also allowing petitions to be received and acted upon at special assemblies. It is hoped that requests in this line may be few and far between. Only when there is some peculiar exigency or reason for such haste should a Commandery seek to receive a petition, ballot, or confer the Orders other than in the regular way. Lay hands *suddenly* upon no man.

Under date of November 7th, 1876, I granted a dispensation to South Shore Commandery to parade in uniform on the 23d of that month, the occasion being the dedication of a Masonic Hall in Quincy, Mass., at which the Commandery acted as escort to the officers of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. I have also authorized Boston and Haverhill Commanderies to make a parade in uniform on the 25th of next month, for the purpose of celebrating St. John's day.

On March 15th, 1877, I issued a dispensation giving permission to Bristol Commandery, whose hall had been destroyed by fire, to meet in such suitable rooms, approved by their E. Commander, as they might be able to obtain from time to time. I learn that the rebuilding of their hall is now going forward and that in a few months they will return to their Templar home.

I have granted dispensations to a number of Commanderies, allowing them to hold elections for the purpose of filling offices made vacant by one cause and another. The vacancies that have thus been filled have been in offices below the Council.

REPRESENTATION.

On the 21st of February, 1877, I caused a commission to be issued, appointing E. Sir William H. Nichols, of Galveston, Texas, as the Grand Representative of this Grand Commandery, near the Grand Commandery of Texas. It is also my pleasant duty at this time to acknowledge E. Sir George H. Burnham, of Providence, as the Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery of Texas to this Grand Body.

DECISIONS.

I have been called upon to answer various enquiries in regard to the interpretation and application of Templar law. Only in a few instances, however, have the questions presented or my rulings thereon been of such a character that it would seem needful to pass them under your review. Among the cases of more importance I report the following: In February last, Northampton Commandery desired me to pass upon the question of jurisdiction as connected with a companion's application to the above named Commandery for the Orders of Knighthood, his residence being within the lines of its jurisdiction, he having, before the organization of Northampton Commandery, petitioned for the Orders to Connecticut Valley Commandery at Greenfield, Mass. He was duly elected in that body, but never came forward to receive the Orders applied for. This was in 1870. At the regular assembly of Northampton Commandery, held February 12th, 1877, an application was received from this companion, pending action upon which my ruling was asked whether or not the Commandery could receive said application without consent of Connecticut Valley Commandery. It was maintained that as Northampton Commandery had been organized since the date of the first application for the Orders by the companion, his residence then and now being within its territorial jurisdiction, that body was entitled to receive the application and confer the Orders. I

was unable to adopt this view, and my decision was that Northampton Commandery must obtain the relinquishment of jurisdiction from Connecticut Valley Commandery before taking action upon the petition of the companion who had previously applied to the last named body.

I have been applied to in several instances to construe the law in regard to the re-instatement of suspended members. The eminent Commander of Bethany Commandery, Lawrence, in calling upon me for my ruling upon this point says: "We have suspended several members for non-payment of dues, the vote in each case being that '——— be suspended until all arrearages are paid and he be re-instated by vote of the Commandery.' Several of the suspended Sir Knights are applying to be re-instated; can they be re-instated by a majority vote?" Having ascertained by reference to the By-Laws of Bethany Commandery that the suspension amounted to forfeiture of membership, and it being stated to me that the vote of the Commandery was so intended, I decided that under Article XIX, Section 3, Digest of Templar Law, it was necessary that there should be an unanimous ballot to restore to membership the suspended knights. While I can give no other interpretation to the law as stated in the section referred to, I deem its application harsh and unfair in such cases as that to which I have called attention. It does not seem equitable that a single member should be able to prevent the restoration of a Sir Knight who was suspended solely on account of his having been in arrears in the payment of dues. A majority or two-thirds vote ought, in my judgment, to be sufficient to re-instate him after his arrearages are paid.

In the case of Sir Thomas H. Johnson, referred at the last Annual Assembly of this body to a committee consisting of Sirs Thomas A. Doyle, Tracy P. Cheever and Benjamin Dean, action has been taken as hereinafter set forth. Under date of April 11th, the committee sent me their report in the words following:

To the R. E. Henry W. Rugg, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

The committee to whom was referred so much of the address of the R. E. Grand Commander, delivered at the last Annual Assembly, as re-

lates to the case of Sir Knight Thomas H. Johnson, whose membership in Winslow Lewis Commandery has been annulled by the action of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts in declaring him to have been improperly made a Mason, make this their report:

The records in the case show, that the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts adopted the report of a committee which declared Sir Johnson to be "a clandestine Mason," and recommended that he should "be formally healed," and that he was subsequently "healed" in due form by the required competent authority.

Since the petition of Sir Johnson to be restored to his rights in the Commandery—of which he had been deprived by the Eminent Commander—was presented to the R. E. Grand Commander, the Grand Commandery has promulgated the Digest of Templar law adopted at the last session of the Grand Encampment of the United States, and your committee are of the opinion that clause 4, of Section 3, of Article XIX of said Digest, covers the case of Sir Johnson, and it must be decided in accordance therewith. Your committee express no opinion upon this clause, as it is not their duty to vindicate but to interpret the law, and they therefore recommend to the R. E. Grand Commander that he cause Sir Johnson to be at once restored to his rights as a member of Winslow Lewis Commandery.

Respectfully submitted by order of the Committee,

THOMAS A. DOYLE.

PROVIDENCE, April 11, 1877.

Upon the receiving of this report, I caused the following order to be issued:

OFFICE OF R. E. GRAND COMMANDER,

PROVIDENCE, R. I., April 13, 1877.

To the Eminent Commander, Officers, and Members of Winslow Lewis Commandery, Greeting:

In pursuance of a recommendation in the report of the committee in the case of Sir Thomas H. Johnson, made to me this day—said committee holding that clause 4, of Section 3, of Article XIX, of the Digest of Templar Law, as recently promulgated, covers the case of Sir Johnson, and that it must be decided in accordance therewith—it is hereby ordered:

That the said Thomas H. Johnson be forthwith restored to all his rights and privileges as a member of Winslow Lewis Commandery, satisfactory proof having been furnished to this office that Sir Johnson has been formally healed and restored to good standing and membership in his Lodge.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Grand Commandery this 13th day of April, A. D. 1877, A. O. 759.

HENRY W. RUGG,
Grand Commander.

Attest:
ALFRED F. CHAPMAN,
Grand Recorder.

It is proper for me to state that I issued this order of restoration because it seemed that I could hardly do otherwise than to follow the recommendation of the able committee which had carefully considered the law and its application to the points involved in this case. Not only did I have the report before me, but two members of the committee assured me, individually, of their positive convictions that it was impossible to construe the law in any other way than that the restoration of Johnson to good standing and membership in the Commandery followed of necessity his healing and re-instatement by the Lodge. The law states that suspension or expulsion by the Lodge works the same result in the Commandery, and restoration in the Lodge works restoration in the Commandery, unless the last named body has taken independent action in the case and inflicted its own penalty. For myself, while I yield willingly to this law as thus given, my opinion remains unchanged, that in equity a Commandery *ought* to have something to say about the restoration of a suspended or expelled member, no matter in what way the forfeiture of good standing or membership has been occasioned.

In two cases I have been called to rule as to what action should be taken on objections made after ballot. The law, as it now stands, is too clear to be mistaken. Such an objection, whether made privately to the Eminent Commander, or publicly in open Commandery, is equivalent to the rejection of the candidate by ballot; nor can any enquiry be made as to the reasons governing the action of the objecting member. His objection is an absolute bar to the conferring of the Orders.

Whatever may be thought of some of the statutes put forth at the last Triennial Session of the Grand Encampment, there can be no question that these provisions constitute highest

Templar law, and must be respected accordingly. I therefore felt it my duty to issue the following circular:

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS AND APPENDANT ORDERS OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

OFFICE OF R. E. GRAND COMMANDER,
PROVIDENCE, R. I., March 20, 1877.

To the Officers and Members of the several Subordinate Commanderies of this jurisdiction, Greeting:

The Statutes and Digest of Templar Law, adopted by the Grand Encampment at its last Triennial Session, have been printed with the proceedings of this Grand Commandery, for the year ending October 27, 1876, and in this form are communicated to the Commanderies in this jurisdiction for their information and government.

Attention is specially called to the provisions respecting form of petition for the Orders; the time and manner of receiving and acting upon petitions; ballot, and objections after ballot; fees, dimits, suspensions, etc.

It is directed that this communication be read at the head of each Commandery at the next regular assembly thereof after its receipt.

HENRY W. RUGG,
Grand Commander.

Attest:
ALFRED F. CHAPMAN,
Grand Recorder.

BY-LAWS.

Several bodies have made amendments to their By-Laws, and such amendments have been placed in the hands of the Standing Committee on By-Laws, on whose recommendation I have signified my approval of the changes proposed. Every Commandery should make a clear, terse statement of its code and rules of procedure, so that all its members may have a certain source of information as to the law; and it should be seen by those in authority, especially by the visiting officers of the Grand Body, that these By-Laws of Subordinates do not conflict with the constitutional provisions of the higher bodies of Knights Templars to which allegiance is due.

CRYPTIC MASONRY.

Some correspondence has been had with this office by Sir Knights especially interested in the Cryptic rites, who desire that these degrees should be recognized as among the qualifications requisite to the obtaining of the Order of Knighthood. An organized effort in this direction is being made in the several jurisdictions, and no doubt a strong appeal will be sent up to the Grand Encampment at its next session. The co-operation of this Grand Body is desired in helping forward such a movement.

To recognize these rites in the way desired, while they are held and worked by a separate organization, may be a matter of doubtful expediency. If the degrees were given up to the Chapters, as has been done in some of the jurisdictions, then might they come in as a part of the preparation for the Orders of Knighthood, the valuable part of the lessons and legends being joined to, and made a part of, the Royal Arch degree.

TACTICS AND DRILL.

The report of the committee in charge of this subject will show what progress has been made in determining upon a system, in the application of which it is expected that results of good will be shown in greater uniformity, precision and grace of movement, both in the work of the Orders and the movements of the knights on parade. When the new system is decided upon, some means should be taken to bring it into general use, that both in the ceremony and in parade there may not be such a various course of procedure as is now the case.

Under this head I may call your attention to the wide divergence of practice in the manner of conferring the Order of the Red Cross. The dress, equipments, and details of procedure are by no means the same in different parts of the jurisdiction, however the words spoken may be in substantial agreement with the ritual.

In this connection I may say that at my request Holy Sepulchre Commandery has consented to exemplify the Order of the Temple before this Grand Body to-day. But for the limited time at our disposal both Orders would have been conferred.

GENERAL SUGGESTIONS.

It is pleasant for me to report the general satisfactory condition of Templar Masonry in this jurisdiction. The best of feeling prevails throughout our borders. The management of the various organizations is for the most part in the hands of those who are devotedly attached to the principles of the Order, and who may be relied upon to uphold its honor on every occasion. Fidelity, zeal, and the right use of the means essential to success, have given to our order a healthy growth, so that it is now possessed of influence, power and material resources in larger degree than at any previous period. With this enlargement and prosperity come added responsibilities, even according to that law which says, "Unto whom much is given, of the same much is required." The way to better results and larger accomplishments opens ever before us. Be it ours both to discern the way and to walk therein. The inspirations and obligations of Christian Knighthood are of no light character. Backward our thoughts should go to the pilgrim warriors of the earlier day; to those who so nobly espoused the cause of the weak and oppressed, and rendered love's offices to the poor and needy with a devotion that has rarely been equalled. Pilgrim staff and sword, and waving banner, what do these stand for and represent, if it be not the faith and the valor, the magnanimity and the charity of those ancient worthies whose heroic deeds are at once our glory and inspiration? Thus we see the path trodden for our steps. Thus we are attracted to some higher standard of life and duty.

But there is one mightier and braver and truer than they, whom we are ever to keep in mind. *Immanuel* is the magnetic watchword of Christian Knighthood. It is the Lord Christ who is our Great Leader. It is the glorified sign of the Cross with all its wealth and suggestiveness of spiritual meaning that should most inspire us. In Paris the letter "N" is often seen cut in marble and granite, or wrought with curious devices on the front of public buildings and monumental structures. It stands for the great Corsican Chieftain who was—who still is—the chief idol of France. It is a reminder of what he wrought

for the glory of his people—a visible token of one who despite all his faults succeeded in binding the hearts of a nation very closely to himself. It is a sign that has by no means lost its power, but even now sends its memories and aspirations into the souls of thousands who gaze thereon. O would that on ourselves as Templars,—on our *hearts* as well as on our banners and equipments, there might be inscribed that name which is above every name, and that the legend associated with the sign of the all-saving cross might stir our souls with divinest power. Then should we prove ourselves in very truth to be valiant and magnanimous knights,—true followers of Him, the Lord of light and life!

On motion of R. E. Sir N. Van Slyck, it was voted,

1. That so much of the address of the Grand Commander as refers to the death of Past Grand Generalissimo Horace Daniels, be referred to a committee of three, consisting of E. Sirs N. W. Aldrich, S. G. Stiness and David F. Parker.

2. That so much as relates to Dispensations, Decisions and Appointments, be referred to a committee of three, consisting of E. Sirs W. H. Kent, Thomas A. Doyle and Henry Chickering.

3. That so much as relates to the making of the Cryptic degrees a prerequisite to the Orders of Knighthood, be referred to a committee of three, with instructions to report at this session, consisting of R E. N. Van Slyck, E. Sirs John Haigh and E. A. Doolittle.

4. That the remainder of the address be referred to a committee of three, consisting of E. Sirs G. W. Stacy, John Eldred and Jacob Silloway, Jr.

Memorials from committees appointed by the Grand Councils of Royal and Select Masters of Rhode Island and Massachusetts were presented, in the following form, varying only in the nomenclature appropriate to each jurisdiction.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., May 18, 1877.

TO THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

FRATERNAL GREETINGS.

The memorial of the undersigned would most courteously and respectfully represent—That, at the Annual Convocation of the "Grand Council

of Royal and Select Masters" of the State of Rhode Island, held at Providence, March 12th, 1877, action was duly and regularly taken, and had, by such Grand Council, upon the subject of connecting the degrees of "Cryptic" Masonry with the Orders of Knighthood; and to the end that a basis might be arranged upon such conditions and terms as would be equitable, Masonic and proper, and at the same time accomplish the desired object, the first four officers of the "Grand Council" were appointed a committee, with full powers to act in the matter.

The committee thus appointed would respectfully urge the necessity of your Grand Body recognizing the "Cryptic" degrees, thereby placing them in their proper position in the American System of Masonry.

We are prepared to present to your Grand Body a plan, or basis, upon which the "Cryptic" degrees may, in our opinion, be properly recommended by your Grand Body, as a prerequisite to the Orders of Knighthood.

We would, therefore, most courteously and respectfully ask of your Grand Body *a hearing* upon this subject, and the appointment of a Committee of Conference, together with such other action upon your part as in your judgment may be deemed proper.

And we would also respectfully request that you hold a *Special* Assembly of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, *before* the first day of August, 1877, to decide upon this matter, so that we may be governed somewhat by your decision when the matter is presented to the Grand Encampment of Knights Templars of the United States, at their meeting to be held at Cleveland, Ohio, next August. And your memorialists will remain,

Courteously and Fraternally,

J. F. ADAMS,

For the Committee.

CALEB SAUNDERS, } Committee for Grand Council
JOHN HAIGH, } of Massachusetts.

Referred to Committee No. 3, on Address, who subsequently reported—

Inexpedient to call a Special Assembly as asked for.

This partial report was accepted, and further time granted on remainder.

On motion of R. E. Sir N. Van Slyck, it was

Voted, That the sum of fifty dollars be appropriated to pay for publishing the Roll of Officers of the Grand Commandery, and such other official notices as the Grand Commander may designate, in the Masonic periodicals of this jurisdiction.

On motion of the same Sir Knight, it was

Resolved, That the expenses of the first four Grand Officers, or their proxies, incurred in attending upon the Triennial Session of the Grand Encampment of the United States, to be held in Cleveland, Ohio, in August next, be paid by this Grand Commandery.

On motion of E. Sir Thomas A. Doyle, it was

Voted, That the Representatives of this Grand Commandery be instructed to obtain a revision and modification of Digest of Templar Law at the Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of the United States, to be held in Cleveland, Ohio, in August next.

ON REMAINDER OF ANNUAL ADDRESS, 1876.

IN GRAND COMMANDERY,

PROVIDENCE, May 18, 1877.

The committee to whom was referred the "remainder" of the R. E. Grand Commander's address, delivered at the last Annual Assembly, find that, in connection with other matters, all "special recommendations" were referred to another committee, leaving, in the opinion of this committee, nothing to consider; but we cannot let the opportunity pass without complimenting the ability and zeal evinced by the R. E. Grand Commander, in the various matters presented in his address, which assures us that he is alive in the interests of these Orders of Knighthood.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. E. STACY, }
WM. JACKSON, } Committee.

Report adopted.

The Committee on Manual and Drill presented the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the system of Templar Tactics and Drill arranged by Sirs Francis C. Choate and Charles E. Pierce, and submitted to the Grand Commandery by St. Omer Commandery, of South Boston, is hereby adopted for the use of the Commanderies in this jurisdiction; and the Committee on Tactics and Drill are authorized to cause the same to be printed, provided that a sufficient number of copies shall be subscribed for, in advance, to defray the expense of said printing.

Resolved, That the Grand Commander is hereby authorized to subscribe for fifty (50) copies of the Tactics and Drill this day adopted, for the use of the officers of the Grand Commandery.

NELSON W. ALDRICH,
CHAS. A. STOTT,
A. A. HOWLAND, JR.,
} Committee on Tactics and Drill.

The committee was continued, and authorized to proceed, under the resolutions.

On motion of Sir E. H. Doolittle, it was

Voted, That the Grand Council are hereby authorized to subscribe for fifty copies of the drill as reported, provided they shall deem it expedient.

The roll was called and the following Commanderies were represented:

SAINT JOHN'S,	PALESTINE,	WOONSOCKET,
BOSTON,	SAINT BERNARD,	CONNECTICUT VALLEY,
NEWBURYPORT,	CALVARY,	JOSEPH WARREN,
WASHINGTON,	HAVERHILL,	NARRAGANSETT,
WORCESTER COUNTY,	SUTTON,	SOUTH SHORE,
SPRINGFIELD,	BETHANY,	BRISTOL,
DE MOLAY,	WINSLOW LEWIS,	CŒUR DE LION,
HOLY SEPULCHRE,	SAINT OMER,	OLIVET,
PILGRIM,	BERKSHIRE,	BAY STATE,
	CYPRUS.	

PROXIES.

Sir ISAAC LAWRENCE and Sir H. D. DE BLOIS for the Generalissimo and Captain General of Washington Commandery.

Sir ARTHUR W. DENNIS for the E. C. of Calvary Commandery.

Sir W. THOMAS for the Generalissimo of Bethany Commandery.

Sir GEORGE H. ALLEN for the C. G. of Olivet Commandery.

ON ADDRESS IN OCTOBER, 1876.

IN GRAND COMMANDERY,

May 18, 1877.

The Special Committee to whom was referred so much of the R. E. Grand Commander's address, delivered at the last Annual Assembly, as relates to Correspondence, Decisions and Dispensations, respectfully submit the following report:

The Dispensations granted, as reported by him, we find to be in accordance with Masonic law, also the several Decisions referred to in his address, and we offer the following:

Resolved, That the several Decisions reported by the R. E. Grand Commander in his last annual address be and they are hereby approved.

B. SANFORD, JR.,
For the Committee.

Voted, To accept the report and to adopt the resolution.

ON BY-LAWS.

The committee reported that amendments to the By-Laws of several Commanderies had at various times been presented; these, with the consent of the R. E. Grand Commander, had been returned with approval.

The By-Laws of Northampton Commandery were submitted in full; these they had examined, amended, and in their present form they recommended them for approval.

Report adopted.

EXEMPLIFICATION.

The hour of four o'clock having arrived, Holy Sepulchre Commandery, of Pawtucket, was reported in waiting, and were at once formally received into the Grand Asylum, and the R. E. Grand Commander gave the body official welcome.

Sir Henry A. Pierce, Eminent Commander, in behalf of his Commandery, expressed his readiness to exemplify the Order of the Temple, according to the announcement previously made.

The Grand Officers vacated their respective stations, which were occupied by the officers of Holy Sepulchre Commandery, who proceeded to confer the Order of the Temple on Sir Joseph Henry Foster, in a manner which received very general and hearty approval.

At the conclusion of which, the Commandery retired, and the Grand Officers resumed their stations.

V. E. Sir John Dean offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

IN GRAND COMMANDERY,

PROVIDENCE, R. I., May 18, 1877.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Body be and are hereby tendered to Holy Sepulchre Commandery, of Pawtucket, R. I., for the very impressive manner in which they have exemplified the Order of the Temple, and especially would we congratulate the Eminent Commander, his officers and members, for the very correct rendering of the entire ritual connected with the Order.

The Committee on Printing, in consequence of inquiries made, offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to print for sale to any other jurisdiction, Diplomas from the plate of this Grand Commandery.

The R. E. Grand Commander expressed his satisfaction with the day's proceedings, and the harmony which characterized the deliberations, and wished for all a safe return to their several homes.

The Sir Knights were called to their devotions, the acting Grand Prelate officiating; after which the Grand Commandery adjourned.

Attest:

ALFRED F. CHAPMAN,

Grand Recorder.

ANNUAL ASSEMBLY.

OCTOBER 26TH, 1877.

THE SIXTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, was held in Masonic Temple, in the city of Boston, Mass., on Friday, October 26th, A. D. 1877, A. O. 759.

The Grand Commandery was formed in due array, and the Grand Asylum was opened in ample form at *Eleven* o'clock.

The Sir Knights united in their devotions with E. Sir Lucius R. Page, D. D., as Grand Prelate.

Grand Officers Present.

Sir HENRY W. RUGG.....R. E. Grand Commander.
Sir JOHN DEAN.....V. E. Deputy Grand Commander.
Sir NELSON W. ALDRICH.....E. Grand Generalissimo.
Sir GEORGE E. STACY.....E. Grand Captain-General.
Sir Rev. LUCIUS R. PAGE, *as*.....E. Grand Prelate.
Sir PETER S. BAILEY.....E. Grand Senior Warden.
Sir WILLIAM H. KENT.....E. Grand Junior Warden.
Sir WILLIAM PARKMAN.....E. Grand Treasurer.
Sir ALFRED F. CHAPMAN.....E. Grand Recorder.
Sir GEORGE H. BURNHAM.....E. Grand Sword Bearer.
Sir WILLIAM D. POOL.....E. Grand Standard Bearer.
Sir CALEB SAUNDERS.....E. Grand Warder.
Sir GEORGE MOULTON.....E. Grand Captain of Guards.
Sir EDWARD L. FREEMAN.....
Sir E. DANA BANCROFT..... } Grand Lecturers.
Sir CHARLES M. AVERY.....
Sir BENJAMIN F. NOURSE.....Grand Sentinel.

Permanent Members, being Past Grand Officers.

E. Sir WILLIAM W. BAKER,
E. Sir BENJAMIN DEAN,
E. Sir JOHN MCCLELLAN,
E. Sir WILLIAM B. BLANDING,
E. Sir THOMAS A. DOYLE,
E. Sir HENRY CHICKERING,
E. Sir WYZEMAN MARSHALL,
E. Sir SAMUEL C. LAWRENCE.

Members, being Past Eminent Commanders, not elsewhere represented.

E. Sir WILLIAM JACKSON,
E. Sir WILLIAM SAYWARD,
E. Sir SAMUEL MASON,
E. Sir DAVID STEVENS,
E. Sir J. SEWALL READ,
E. Sir TRACY P. CHEEVER,
E. Sir CHARLES C. HUTCHINSON,
E. Sir EDWIN J. NIGHTINGALE,
E. Sir CHARLES R. DENNIS,
E. Sir JOHN P. LUTHER,
E. Sir EUGENE D. BURT,
E. Sir CHARLES R. BRAYTON,
E. Sir NATHAN S. KIMBALL,
E. Sir ABRAHAM H. HOWLAND, JR.
E. Sir JOHN HAIGH,
E. Sir SMITH B. HARRINGTON,
E. Sir CHARLES H. WHITE,
E. Sir EDWARD H. BRAINARD,
E. Sir JAMES M. PENDLETON,
E. Sir JAMES C. TUCKER,
E. Sir ZACHARIAH L. BICKNELL,
E. Sir WILLIAM J. ELLIS,
E. Sir GEORGE W. FAY,
E. Sir JAMES M. GREENWOOD,
E. Sir EDWARD PARKER, JR.,
E. Sir GAMALIEL HODGES.

Represented by Proxy.

E. Sir WILLIAM S. SHURTLEFF, Past Deputy G. Commander.

Sir R. A. CHAMBERLAIN, Generalissimo, and Sir J. E. WOOD, C. G. of Worcester County.

Sir J. S. NOBLE, Generalissimo of Springfield.

Sir S. R. BUCKLIN, C. G. of Holy Sepulchre.

Sir ARTHUR G. POLLARD, C. G. of Pilgrim.

Sir S. G. STINESS, Generalissimo of Calvary.

Sir GEORGE F. TALBOT, Generalissimo, and Sir JAMES B. SMITH, C. G. of Bethany.

Sir GEORGE C. DUNHAM, Generalissimo, and Sir CHARLES E. MOREY, C. G. of Berkshire.

Sir ALFRED H. HARTLEY, E. C. of Godfrey De Bouillon.

Sir JOHN SHAW, 2d, E. C., and Sir E. A. INGALLS, C. G. of Olivet.

Sir BAALIS SANFORD, JR., E. C., and Sir H. H. PACKARD, Generalissimo of Bay State.

The Committee on Credentials submitted their report, which was subsequently amended and is as follows:

IN GRAND COMMANDERY,

BOSTON, October 26, 1877.

The Committee on Credentials having attended to the duty assigned them, respectfully report the following members, representatives and proxies present:

Grand Officers	16
Past Grand Officers	8
Past Eminent Commanders	25
Eminent Commanders	22
Generalissimos	13
Captains-Generals	9
Proxies	16
Total voters	109

They also report the following Commanderies to be represented:

St. John's,	Calvary,	Godfrey de Bouillon,
Boston,	Haverhill,	Joseph Warren,
Newburyport,	Old Colony,	Narragansett,
Worcester County,	Sutton,	William Parkman,
Springfield,	Bethany,	South Shore,
De Molay,	Winslow Lewis,	Bristol,
Holy Sepulchre,	Hugh de Payens,	Cœur de Lion,
Pilgrim,	Saint Omer,	Olivet,
Palestine,	Berkshire,	Bay State,
Milford,	Woonsocket,	Cyprus.
Saint Bernard,		

Total.....31

Courteously submitted,

JAMES M. GREENWOOD, }
JAMES SWORDS, } Committee.

The Records of the Semi-Annual assembly having been printed and distributed, the reading was dispensed with.

The R. E. Grand Commander stated that he had appointed as Committees

ON COLLATION,

to be served at recess, E. Sirs Wm. A. Kent and Alfred F. Chapman,

On Finance,

E. Sirs W. A. Kent, E. L. Freeman and Baalis Sanford, Jr.

GRAND FUND.

SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT.

In conformity with the provisions of Section 11 of Article One of the Constitution of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, the Standing Committee of said fund submit their annual report:

Received for interest	$226 00
One-tenth receipts	137 01
	$363 01

INVESTED.

Deposit Book 31,083, in the Provident Savings Institution		$1,259 27
Deposit Book 40,005, in the Five Cent Savings Bank		6,805 14
Deposit Book North End Savings Bank, 1876	$2,090 51	
Interest, 1877	226 00	
One-tenth receipts, 1876–77	137 01	2,453 52
34 shares Market National Bank		3,430 50
15 shares Mount Vernon National Bank		1,579 00
Making a total of		$15,527 43

Whole fund, 1877	$15,527 43
" 1876	13,777 25
Gain, 1877	$1,750 18

All of which is respectfully submitted,

HENRY W. RUGG, G. C.
WILLIAM PARKMAN, Treas.
ALFRED F. CHAPMAN, G. R.
} Standing Committee.

Boston, October 26, 1877.

On motion of E. Sir E. L. Freeman, it was

Voted That the report be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion of E. Sir E. L. Freeman, it was

Voted, That the Finance Committee be instructed to inquire into the feasibility of investing the Grand Fund in First Mortgages on Real Estate, or in United States Bonds.

The Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Encampment of the United States having entered the Grand Asylum, his presence was recognized by the R. E. Grand Commander, who welcomed him with the honors due his rank and station, and officially introduced him to the Grand Commandery.

The Report of the Grand Treasurer was submitted and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Grand Recorder reported, and so much of his report as related to Finance and Returns was referred to the same Committee.

GRAND RECORDER'S REPORT.

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars, and the Appendant Orders, of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

Since the last Annual Assembly, I have secured increased accommodation for the business of this office, and where the archives can be more carefully preserved, and more readily consulted.

During the year, I have received the following sums:

For Returns due and unpaid in 1876	$189 35
" Diplomas	145 00
" Certificates	11 50
" Proceedings, 1805–1863	8 00
" " 1876	8 00
" Returns due in 1877	973 45
Total	$1,325 30

For these several sums I hold the receipts of the Grand Treasurer; and also, under date of December 1, 1876, I hold his receipt for $23.00 for Diplomas, in excess of amount properly due him; this was my own error, by overlooking the receipt until after the Grand Treasurer's account was made

up. There is, therefore, due the Grand Recorder $23.00 overpaid by him.

I have in hand returns from two Commanderies, received too late to enter into Grand Treasurer's account, with amounts on account thereof, of $74.10.

In one of these there is a rather common error. Six candidates are reported to have received the Order of the Red Cross, but payment is tendered on five only, for the reason, I presume, that the sixth has not received the Orders of the Temple and Malta.

I do not so interpret the Constitution, which requires the fee to be paid on each "Knight created,"—and were it not so, when payment is made on all who receive the Order of the Red Cross, each and every return is complete in itself; it is then but a simple question in arithmetic which can be determined without any reference to former returns; these may have been destroyed, but the Grand Commandery will receive its proportion of fees, whether the remaining Orders are conferred or not; and, indeed, by returns, since and including 1870, in my possession, I can not find that some have received the Order of Malta at all; nor can I tell whether the Grand Commandery has ever had its fees prior to that time.

Eight Commanderies have not made returns, to date.

The work of the several Commanderies will be seen in the following

TABULAR STATEMENT.

	Names of Commandery.	Members.	Created.	Dimitted.	Suspended.	Discharged.	Expelled.	Died.
1	Saint John's	357	6	1				6
2	Boston	553	10	4		8		5
3	Newburyport	67	3			4		2
4	Washington	66	3		1			2
5	Worcester County	232	14					1
6	Springfield	269	4		24			4
7	De Molay	322	7	5		5		2
8	Holy Sepulchre	199	3	6		4		1
9	Pilgrim	197	6					3
10	Palestine	205	7	5		8	1	1
11	Milford	152		3	1			1
12	Saint Bernard	86	6					
13	Calvary	231	2					1
14	Haverhill	181	11	1	1			
15	Old Colony	128	5	4				1
16	Sutton	222	5					2
17	Bethany	160	12	1	14			3
18	Winslow Lewis	125	1			7		1
19	Jerusalem	122	4	4				3
20	Hugh de Payens	203	11	1				1
21	Saint Omer	150	14	2	1			4
22	Berkshire	81	2	1				
23	Woonsocket	136	5					1
24	Connecticut Valley	85	1					1
25	Godfrey de Bouillon	120	6	2				
26	Joseph Warren	140	3	4	1			2
27	Narragansett	43	4	1				
28	William Parkman	108	7	1				3
29	Bristol	117	5	4				
30	Northampton	64	4					
31	South Shore	127	9					3
32	Trinity	69		1				
33	Natick	53	5	1				
34	Cœur de Lion	154	8	1				2
35	Gethsamane	70	4	2		2		
36	Olivet	72	4	1				1
37	Athol	49	1	3				1
38	Bay State	93	6					
39	Cyprus	39	3					
	Totals	5847	211	59	43	38	1	58

Returns not received in time to print from Commanderies against the names of which blanks are left.

The printed reports of ten Grand Commanderies have failed to reach this office during the year; a synopsis is submitted, however, compiled from proceedings received, which will show when the several Grand Bodies were organized, when the last Annual Conclaves were held, the numbers of Subordinates, of members, of increase and of decrease during the year.

From these, it appears that all the Southern Grand Bodies have decreased in membership during the year, except Virginia and Mississippi, and all the Western ones have increased except Michigan. The greatest relative decrease has been in Arkansas, 69; the greatest in number, in Texas, 72, while Alabama, Georgia and Louisiana have lost 5, 38 and 16 respectively. The greatest increase has been in Illinois, Iowa and Pennsylvania, 282, 181, 174, respectively. New Jersey has also added a trifle over 12 per cent. to her numbers of last year, while Kansas has increased hers 26 per cent., the greatest relative growth.

The tables show that while the net gain in the United States alone has been about 1,800, yet 1,190 dimitted, 1,043 were suspended, 44 were expelled, and 523 have died during the year. It will also be found that in the United States 1 in 40 has dimitted, 1 in 46 has been suspended, 1 in 109 has been expelled, and finally, 1 in 92 has deceased, counting all in round numbers. Among the causes which swell these prejudicial figures may be found business depression, heavy expenses, and a desire, too general, to increase in numbers. What shall be the remedy must become an important question for local and general consideration.

This jurisdiction presents a more settled condition, but not so flattering as to beget neglect or indifference; here, 1 in 153 was dimmitted, 1 in 116 suspended or discharged, and 1 in 2,901 expelled during the year past; but in the last account the variation is small, for 1 in 97 passed on to immortality.

Further details in figures are submitted in the following

TABLE.

Grand Commandery of	When Organized.	Date of Last Annual Conclave.	No. of Subordinates.	No. Created.	No. of Members.	Increase for the year.	Decrease for the year.
Alabama	Nov. 29, 1860	May 16, 1877	11	18	231	...	5
Arkansas	March 25, 1872	October 4, 1876	4	.....	143	....	69
Canada	October 9, 1855	August 10, 1876	19	.....	.....	....	....
*England & Wales	Seven Bodies existed as early as 1796.	May 11, 1877	116	.....	.....	....	....
California	August 10, 1858	April 14, 1876	11	98	734	91	....
Colorado	March 14, 1876	March 13, 1877	3	10	136	....	....
Connecticut	Sept. 13, 1827	March 20, 1877	10	42	1327	....	....
Georgia	April 25, 1860	May 16, 1877	8	24	323	...	38
Illinois	October 27, 1857	October 24, 1876	48	422	3664	282	....
Indiana	May 16, 1854	April 24, 1877	26	168	1932	70	....
Iowa	June 6, 1864	October 5, 1876	28	194	1445	181	....
Kansas	Dec. 29, 1868	May 1, 1877	9	48	387	79	....
Kentucky	October 5, 1847	May 9, 1877	18	63	1113	....	16
Louisiana	February 12, 1864	Feb. 13, 1876	4	20	403	....	....
Maine	May 5, 1852	May 3, 1877	13	62	1555	....	....
Mass. and R. I.	May 6, 1805	October 26, 1877	39	211	5847	44	....
Maryland	January 23, 1871	April 2, 1877	7	43	787	39	....
Michigan	January 15, 1857	May 8, 1877	30	93	2291	....	46
Minnesota	October 25, 1865	June 24, 1876	10	41	600	....	*
Mississippi	January 21, 1857	May 10, 11, 1877	15	35	491	21	....
Missouri	May 22, 1860	October 3, 1876	29	103	1315	39	*
New Hampshire	June 12, 1860	Sept. 26, 1876	9	57	1065	59	....
New Jersey	February 14, 1860	Sept. 12, 1876	10	138	1212	131	....
New York	June 18, 1814	October 10, 1876	52	510	7339	77	....
Nebraska	Dec. 28, 1871	April 25, 1876	7	35	308	47	....
Ohio	October 12, 1859	Aug. 30, 1877	29	242	2648	110	....
Pennsylvania	April 14, 1854	May 29, 1877	57	309	5964	174	...
Tennessee	October 12, 1843	May 3, 1877	14	52	719	....	72
Texas	January 19, 1855	January, 1875	13	49	498	112	*
Vermont	June 17, 1824	June, 1877	9	41	624	....	*
Virginia	Nov. 27, 1822	Nov. 15, 1876	14	69	755	36	*
West Virginia	February 25, 1874	.....	....	.....	251	....	....
Wisconsin	October 29, 1859	October 3, 1876	12	83	911	55	....
†Grand Encamp't	June 22, 1816	Aug. 28-31, 1877	19	130	1439	....	....
Total number commanderies in United States, England and dependencies			703				
Total number created in United States only				3410			
Total number of members in United States only					48,457		

England and Wales sends no enumeration.

* Those starred in the last column have not sent report of proceedings to this office of nor since date in column of last Annual Conclave; in such cases we have used figures set down by others.

† Includes work of three years ending with Conclave in 1877.

It gives me pleasure to report, that although this Grand Commandery does not discuss any of the many questions which arrest the attention in other jurisdictions, through a Committee on Foreign Correspondence, yet a very general exhibition of good will and good wishes prevail among all.

The Grand Recorders, from among whom we sorrowfully miss E. Sir George Frank Gouley of Missouri, and E. Sir John

A. Harris of New Hampshire, are courteous, considerate, and reasonably prompt; the duties of this office with corresponding ones abroad have been made very pleasant by their attention, while its labors have been added pleasures because of official consideration at home.

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED F. CHAPMAN,
Grand Recorder.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF FINANCE.

BOSTON, October 21, 1877.

The committee appointed to audit the books and accounts of the Grand Treasurer have attended to the duty. They have examined the books and accounts, and find the same correctly kept, and proper vouchers are on file for expenditures. The committee report the annexed statement of the Treasurer, receipts and disbursements, with the balance on hand:

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand, October, 1876	$1,207 89	
Loan from Grand Treasurer	300 00	
Sale 10 shares Naumkeag Stock	1,032 50	
From Recorder and interest	255 50	
Returns from Commanderies	1,114 65	
		$3,910 54

DISBURSEMENTS.

Rent	$69 20	
Salaries	400 00	
Printing	553 05	
Travelling expenses	211 03	
Banquets	304 60	
Grand Encampment, expenses of visiting officers	285 00	
Stationery	116 58	
Grand Fund, dues	137 01	
Charity	125 00	
Loan	600 00	
Interest paid	129 50	
	$2,930 97	
Balance on hand, October 24, 1877	$979 57	
		$3,910 54

INVESTMENTS.

2 Shares	Atlantic Bank	$198 00	
4 "	Boylston "	494 50	
8 "	Michigan Central Railroad	896 00	
14 "	Ogdensburg Railroad	1,218 25	
			$2,806 75

There is due the Grand Treasurer, for loans,

In 1876, (balance)	$1,500 00	
In 1877	300 00	
		$1,800 00

There are yet to be received the returns from several Commanderies, which should have been in the hands of the Recorder previous to October 10. This delinquency is in violation of the provisions of the Grand Constitution, and is the source this year, as it was last, of confusion in the affairs of this Grand Body, and embarrassment to the Treasurer in making up and reporting the financial condition of it.

The committee had further in charge the examination of the accounts of the Grand Recorder, and they report them correct, with proper vouchers, and recommend the salaries be the same as last year.

In regard to another matter referred to the committee, being that as to when fees for orders are due to this Grand Body, the committee are of opinion that the language of the Constitution clearly covers the point, and that the fees are payable and due when the first order has been conferred, whether the succeeding orders are conferred or not. Any other interpretation of the Constitution would result in great confusion and injustice.

The committee have also considered the subject of investments of the Grand Funds, and after consultation with the Grand Treasurer, have concluded that for the present at least it is inexpedient to make any change in the mode of investments.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. KENT, } Finance
E. L. FREEMAN, } Committee.

ANNUAL ADDRESS.

R. E. Henry W. Rugg, Grand Commander, then read and submitted the following address:

SIR KNIGHTS:—I greet you with cordial and heartfelt salutations. I congratulate you that we are privileged to meet in annual session under circumstances so auspicious. It is a

cause of congratulation, no less than of devout thanksgiving to Almighty God, that our review of the past as connected with our cherished institution shows so many bright lines of prosperity and blessing. It is true that the tokens of Templar progress in this jurisdiction, which mark the year just closing, are not as many nor of such notable character as those which have attended some other periods in our history. No new Bodies have been created within our borders during the last year; the work done has been slight in comparison with that of former years, and the accessions to the Order hardly do more than make good the losses occasioned by deaths and other causes. In common with other organizations we have felt the pressure of the times—the unfavorable condition of affairs in business circles having a tendency to retard many of our enterprises and interests. But although the accomplishments of the year in many respects may fall short of our desires, yet it counts for much that the Templar organizations of this jurisdiction have at least held their own in numbers and resources during the past year; while never before, perhaps, were these Bodies in a better condition of efficiency than now. It is believed that all our Commanderies now render the work of the Order with substantial accuracy, and are in quite near accord as regards the various matters pertaining to drill and ceremony. Better still, a spirit of earnest loyalty to the Institution—a spirit of fervency and zeal in all that relates to its welfare—seems to characterize the knights of this jurisdiction who are held together as brethren and friends by the bonds of a true fellowship.

In my address at the semi-annual session in May last, I reported my official acts to that time. It will be my endeavor to place before you now such matters of official procedure since that date as appear to be of sufficient importance to require mention, together with a few general statements and recommendations.

OFFICIAL VISITATIONS.

Official visits have been made, in accordance with General Order No. 1, (reported at the May session,) to all the Com-

manderies except two in this jurisdiction. By the reports of the examining officers, duly received, it is evident that these visits have been made the occasions, not only of social interchanges and festivity, but also of careful inspection and wise suggestion. It costs this Grand Body a considerable sum to defray the expenses of these yearly official visits, but if made in the proper spirit, by officers on the alert to detect and remedy any inaccuracies in the work—officers who shall have both the will and the ability to point out the proper course of Templar procedure in all matters of importance—I think such expenditure fully justified.

The reports of the visiting officers are herewith presented. They agree in the statement that the representatives of this Grand Body have been received by its Subordinates with all due courtesy and consideration; that they have found these Subordinate Bodies to be in a generally healthy and hopeful condition, although in some localities little or no work has been done, and heavy financial burdens have been borne. They also report that their respective visits have often been made the occasions of delightful social re-unions such as are peculiarly in keeping with the genius of our Institution.

My own official visits during the past year have been few, but these have been attended with sincere pleasure. One of the most memorable of these visits was that made to St. Omer Commandery on the evening of Sept. 17th, the day of the Templar parade in Boston at the dedication of the Army and Navy monument. St. Omer Commandery held a place of honored observance in that parade, its members making an appearance which elicited approving words from many, both in and out of the Order, who witnessed their marching and evolutions. A long march, protracted until near sunset, was hardly a fitting prelude to the official visit of the evening; nevertheless, at the hour of meeting the members came together in goodly numbers, and the Order of the Red Cross was conferred in a careful and impressive manner. The whole appearance of the Commandery was commendable, and the moral and social atmosphere of the Asylum was of the most inspiriting character.

DISPENSATIONS.

Since the date of the last Assembly I have granted special dispensations to the following named Commanderies, authorizing them to parade in uniform for the observance of St. John's day: *St. John's, Calvary, Holy Sepulchre, Sutton, Haverhill, Worcester County, Woonsocket, Old Colony, Narragansett.* All of the celebrations for which these dispensations were asked were of an interesting character. St. John's and Calvary Commanderies observed the day, Sunday, by attending the Church of the Mediator, in Providence, where a special service was arranged for the occasion. Holy Sepulchre celebrated the day on Monday, the 25th, also attending church in a body, where fitting exercises were held, following which, after a short parade, came an elegant banquet, with addresses by many distinguished knights. The officers of this Grand Body were honored with invitations to this celebration, and many of them, including all the members of the Grand Council, were in attendance. The occasion was one of delightful social and intellectual charm—edifying alike both to those who were hosts and those who were guests.

Dispensations have also been issued at various dates to the following Commanderies, authorizing them to make "pilgrimages," or excursions: *Bay State, William Parkman, Joseph Warren, De Molay, Olivet, Newburyport.*

It has been with some degree of reluctance that the authority asked for in some of these cases has been given. When a dispensation is asked for simply that a Commandery may turn out for a day's pleasure, the object being merely an excursion, it is somewhat difficult to discover on what proper grounds it can be granted. It is not easy, however, to draw the line, and precedents are so abundant that it appears quite ungracious to refuse the applications. I am convinced that these objectless excursions are becoming too frequent. It reflects no credit upon our Institution for a Commandery to parade the streets in uniform, with banners flying and the various signs of the Order displayed, when it is known that the sole purpose is to enjoy a trip to the seaside and partake of a clambake, or to make an excursion to the woods for picnic festivities. The

picnic and the clambake—the excursion by rail or boat—are well enough, but why bring out the equipments and significant signs of Templarism on such occasions? Why make the display and gain the consequent publicity when there is no legitimate demand therefor. I am pleased to be able to state that in two instances at least my suggestions in this respect have been followed, the Commanderies having made excursions without parade and not wearing the costume.

Only one Commandery made application this year for leave to parade in a fourth of July civic and military procession. The application was refused.

A dispensation was issued to Washington Commandery authorizing it to parade on July 24th, and thus fittingly receive and escort Palestine Commandery of New York, which had also courteously asked permission to appear as a Body in our jurisdiction.

Authority was given South Shore Commandery to omit the regular assembly, Sept. 17th, and to transact the business of such regular assembly at a special meeting held on the 24th of the same month. The parade in Boston on the 17th of Sept., in which this Commandery participated, was the cause of issuing a general dispensation.

Permission was also given to St. John's Commandery to transact business at a regular assembly, when the original notice of the intended action had not been given. I gave such authority only because I was satisfied that the matter was generally understood, and that there was a unity of feeling among the members in relation thereto.

Two dispensations have been given authorizing action upon petitions in less than the constitutional period. I have refused several applications of like character, when it was apparent that it was only a convenience of the candidate that desired the setting aside of the law. The occasions ought to be very rare when dispensations of this character are asked for.

CORRESPONDENCE AND DECISIONS.

I submit the following letter, and have issued a commission to R. E. Philander W. Barclay, as our representative in Illinois:

GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER,

CHICAGO, Sept. 15th, 1877.

Henry W. Rugg, G. Com. Grand Commandery of Mass. and R. I., Providence, R. I.

R. E. AND DEAR SIR:—As Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, it does not to me seem proper to retain my position as your Grand Representative near the Grand Commandery of the State of Illinois.

Fully appreciating the courtesy and the honor of this flattering recognition, I hereby tender my resignation of this important trust that you may have ample time—if you so desire—to appoint some worthy frater to represent you in the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of this jurisdiction, to be held the 23d of October, 1877.

I cannot return my original commission, as it, with all my books and papers, was destroyed in the great fire of 1871.

With knightly courtesy and consideration, I am ever,

Yours fraternally,

VINCENT L. HURLBUT,
Grand Master.

The correspondence belonging to my official position has been considerable in quantity, although for the most part not of a character that needs to be reported for your consideration. Much of the information desired might readily be obtained by consulting the published proceedings of this Grand Commandery, and noting the decisions which have been made heretofore and ratified by the supreme authority. Other questions are asked which seem superfluous in view of the commonly understood principles that govern all Masonic Bodies. For instance, my ruling has been asked on the following questions: "When the by-law of a Commandery conflicts with some enactment of the governing Body, must not such by-law be accepted as the guide of action until changed by regular course of procedure, and the new code, or amendment, has received the approval of the Grand Commandery?" Only one answer seems possible to such a question: No matter what is written in the by-laws of Subordinate Bodies the provisions become nugatory when

the Superior Body pronounces against them. If any of the Commanderies in this jurisdiction have provisions in their by-laws which conflict with the legislation of the Grand Commandery, or of the Grand Encampment, when the same have been properly promulgated, they should know without waiting for any formal decision on the matter that such provisions in their by-laws are only a dead letter.

It is laid down in the Statutes and Code of Templar Law that, "Those who receive the Order of the Temple in a Commandery are *ipso facto* members thereof, whether such Commandery be chartered or under dispensation," and I have decided accordingly.

My ruling has been asked as to the obligation of officers to wear shoulder straps when in uniform. My decision was, substantially, that officers of Commanderies adhering to the black costume are under no requirement to appear with shoulder straps. In other Commanderies the officers entitled to wear shoulder straps should, undoubtedly, appear with the same when in uniform.

Under date of June 27th, 1877, Grand Recorder Parvin wrote to me making request that this Body would furnish a portrait of our most esteemed Past Grand Commander, Winslow Lewis, also a Past Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Encampment, it being the desire that such portrait should accompany the Proceedings of the Grand Encampment to be issued this year. Ascertaining that the expense would not be large, and finding a precedent in the action of this Grand Body in furnishing 2,000 copies of the portrait of Thomas Smith Webb for the Grand Encampment Proceedings of 1874, I caused 1,500 copies of the portrait of our distinguished and well beloved frater to be printed and sent forward to Grand Recorder Parvin, whose acknowledgment of the same has been received. The plate used for the printing of the portraits is the property of Winslow Lewis Lodge, to whom our thanks are due for the loan of the same, as also, and especially, to the Grand Treasurer, who personally interested himself in having the work done and the copies duly forwarded.

My excuse for not awaiting the action of the Grand Com-

mandery in this matter is that such delay would have prevented the use of the portrait in the present triennial volume of Proceedings of the Grand Encampment.

I have received a number of communications in regard to the proper course of dealing with delinquents for non-payment of dues. My answer has been, invariably, that the Commandery has a right to suspend or expel its members for refusing to pay dues, but in such enforcement of penalty it must proceed according to the well defined principles of Masonic law. It must certainly give the delinquent due notice and afford him a chance to be heard before pronouncing sentence. Under the recent decision of Grand Master Hopkins, sustained by the Grand Encampment, the form of trial need not be gone through with in dealing with delinquents unless the alleged delinquency is denied.

In this connection I present the appeal of Sir A. B. Wentworth of Boston Commandery, who complains that injustice has been done by said Body and the principles of Masonic law violated in suspending him for non-payment of dues. I recommend that this matter be referred to a special committee to report upon the same, if possible, at this session.

FINANCES.

I refer you to the report of the Grand Treasurer for a detailed statement of the financial condition, which I believe to be a generally favorable exhibit. I wish to observe, however, that the early date of holding the Triennial Session brings into this year's expense account some exceptional expenditures that might naturally have been expected to appear in the showing of next year. Thus the bills at the last Triennial, held in New Orleans in 1874, appeared in the statement of 1875, and now, only two years later, the expenses of the Grand Representatives at another Triennial appear. I am satisfied that the management of the finances has been prudent and that no rash nor improper expenditure has been made. It costs a good deal to keep the wheels of this Grand Body moving; the expenses of printing, stationery, traveling expenses of Grand officers, make an aggregate of no small amount. When to these usual and

regular expenses there is added, as must often be the case, amounts specially called for in the interests of this Grand Commandery, it will be seen that heavy drafts upon the treasury are liable to be made, and that generous sources of revenue should be provided.

New jewels are needed for the Grand officers, but although authority has been given to the Grand Council to obtain such jewels, we have not thought it best, in view of the large demands made on the treasury during the past two years, to exercise that authority. It is to be hoped, however, that the day is not far distant when not only appropriate jewels for the Grand officers can be procured, but such other equipment, including a suitable Grand Commandery banner, as befits a Body such as ours.

GRAND ENCAMPMENT.

The Triennial Session of the Grand Encampment was held at Cleveland, Ohio, beginning on Tuesday, the 28th day of August last, and continuing until the afternoon of the Friday following. This Grand Commandery was represented by all the members of its Council, as also by Past Grand Commanders Dean and Van Slyck.

Of the occasion itself, I may briefly say that in numbers, enthusiasm and general good feeling, no less than in the outward display made, it ranks among the most successful gatherings of Knight Templars ever held. All sections of the country were represented, most of them not only by official representatives, but by Subordinates that came long distances to participate in the parades and festivities of this Triennial Re-union. The hospitality of the Templars of Cleveland and Ohio was literally beyond measurement; nor were the citizens generally much behind in their manifestations of good will and generous attentions to the Order. Cleveland wore a holiday appearance during the entire time of the Triennial Session. The streets were elegantly decorated for miles, and the entire tone and atmosphere of the city bore one unmistakable stamp, that of hearty, cordial welcome. The official parade on the morning of the first day of the session was fully equal in most respects to

the magnificent display made in Philadelphia at the re-union in June, 1876. Nearly ten thousand knights were in line, whose marching and evolutions were witnessed by tens of thousands of applauding spectators.

After this official parade your representatives attended closely upon the business of the Grand Encampment, denying themselves the pleasure of attending the festivities which were projected by the generous fratres of Cleveland.

In regard to the disposition and legislation of the Grand Encampment, while there may be some room for adverse criticism there is abundant cause for congratulation. No attempt was made to present questions or take action calculated to produce discord and alienation between different sections. The session was harmonious in its general feeling, notwithstanding the differences of opinion that were manifest on several points. Grand Master Hopkins gave an able address, reviewing the condition of Christian knighthood both at home and abroad. He presented a report of his official acts and decisions of importance. Among these decisions which were afterward approved by the Committee on Jurisprudence, and adopted by the Grand Encampment, and which are therefore to be considered as of binding force, the following may be given:

1. That signing a petition for a new Commandery suspends the membership in the former Commandery, and the issue of the charter severs the membership.

2. A Past Commander may open a Commandery, preside therein, and confer the orders.

3. The form of petition for the orders cannot be altered; hence it is unlawful to add new qualifications or take from those already established.

4. When a Commandery has rejected a petition, no other Commandery can receive it without the consent of the rejecting Commandery.

5. That jurisdiction attaches from a favorable ballot on a petition.

6. A Commandery may enact a by-law disfranchising a member for non-payment of dues, but there must be notice given and a chance to be heard before final judgment is rendered.

7. It is lawful to suspend for non-payment of dues in accordance with the by-laws and by vote of the Commandery, without the form of a trial, unless the delinquency be denied.

8. That a suspended knight may be restored to good standing without restoring his membership.

9. The property of a defunct Commandery, after paying its liabilities, belongs to the Grand Commandery.

10. No officer below the rank of Captain General is entitled to wear shoulder straps.

None of the proposed amendments to the Constitution prevailed, the temper of the Body being eminently conservative. A new ritual for the Order of Knight of Malta was considered and approved, and it was ordered that the same be promulgated, with permission for Commanderies to work under the new or old ritual as they shall elect, until the next session of the Grand Encampment. My judgment is that the new ritual is a vast improvement over the old, and is calculated to give character to one of our Orders which has hitherto been but poorly recognized and esteemed.

In the election of officers this jurisdiction was honored in the person of Sir Benjamin Dean, who was called to the position of Grand Generalissimo.

ESCORT TO GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS.

In August last I received a communication from a committee of the city government of Boston, inviting this Grand Commandery to participate in the services of dedicating the Army and Navy monument in that city, on Sept. 17th, and requesting that a suitable Templar escort might be furnished the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts on that occasion, said Grand Lodge having consented to render a Masonic service of dedication. Ascertaining from Grand Master Everett that such escort would be agreeable to himself and to the Grand Lodge, I accepted the invitation in behalf of the Grand Commandery, and caused the following communication to be sent to all the subordinate Commanderies in this jurisdiction:

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS AND APPENDANT ORDERS, OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

OFFICE OF R. E. GRAND COMMANDER,

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Aug. 16, 1877.

To all the Subordinate Commanderies within our Jurisdiction, Greeting:

WHEREAS, The M. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts has accepted an invitation to dedicate, with Masonic service, the Army and Navy Monument in the city of Boston, on Monday, September 17th; and whereas, the committee of arrangements on the part of the civic authorities have also invited this Grand Commandery to participate in the ceremonies, and to furnish to the Grand Lodge a Templar escort, which invitation has been by me accepted.

It is hereby announced that the Grand Officers of this Grand Commandery will attend on that occasion, with such Subordinate Commanderies of our jurisdiction as may find it convenient to join in the proposed escort, and may elect so to do. The Commanderies that may decide to appear will signify such intention at the office of the Grand Recorder, 223 Washington Street, on or before September 5th.

Commanderies will appear in full Templar costume, and will report to E. Sir Nelson W. Aldrich, Grand Generalissimo, who will have command of the lines.

HENRY W. RUGG,
Grand Commander.

Attest:
ALFRED F. CHAPMAN,
Grand Recorder.

In response to this call sixteen Commanderies responded, and the escort was furnished in a manner to reflect no discredit upon the Order. I submit herewith the full report of the Eminent Grand Generalissimo, who had command of the lines, giving many details of interest:

GRAND COMMANDERY OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

October 10, 1877.

R. E. HENRY W. RUGG, Grand Commander.

DEAR SIR:—Having been assigned by your order, dated August 16, 1877, to the command of the Templar lines on the occasion of the dedication of the Army and Navy Monument in Boston, September 17th, 1877, I issued, with your approval, September 7th, 1877, the following Special Order:

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS AND APPENDANT ORDERS, OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

SPECIAL ORDER: September 7th, 1877.

1. Commanderies who have accepted the invitation of the R.·. E.·. Grand Commander to join the Templar escort to the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, on Monday, the 17th inst., will form at 9.45 o'clock, A. M., promptly, on Tremont Street Mall of Boston Common, right resting on Boylston Street, in the following order:

1. Saint John's.....Providence, R. I.
2. Worcester County.....Worcester, Mass.
3. Pilgrim.....Lowell, Mass.
4. Palestine.....Chelsea, Mass.
5. Calvary.....Providence, R. I.
6. Saint Omer.....South Boston, Mass.
7. Woonsocket.....Woonsocket, R. I.
8. Connecticut Valley.....Greenfield, Mass.
9. Narragansett.....Westerly, R. I.
10. South Shore.....Weymouth, Mass.
11. Trinity.....Hudson, Mass.
12. Cœur de Lion.....Charlestown, Mass.
13. Bay State.....North Bridgewater, Mass.

Commanders will report to the Grand Generalissimo immediately on their arrival.

2. Boston Commandery, assigned to special duty as Guard of Honor to the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge, will report to M.·. W.·. P. L. Everett, Grand Master, at the hour above named.

3. Officers of the Grand Commandery will report to the R.·. E.·. Grand Commander, at Room No. 62, Masonic Temple, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

4. E. Sirs Henry A. Pierce, John Kent and Erastus H. Doolittle, and Sir Wm. R. Walker, have been appointed Aids to the Grand Generalissimo, and will be respected accordingly.

NELSON W. ALDRICH,
Grand Generalissimo.

Of the Commanderies named in this Order, Narragansett failed to appear. The following Commanderies having reported to me subsequent to the date of the above, were assigned places in line according to rank: Winslow Lewis, Hugh de Payens and William Parkman.

On the morning of the 17th of September the lines were formed on the Tremont Street Mall in the order following, Calvary Commandery,

with forty mounted knights, having been assigned position on the extreme left of the escort.

St. John's, Providence, R. I., 90 knights; Pawtucket Band, (30); George H. Burnham, E. Commander; Newton D. Arnold, Generalissimo; Walter B. Vincent, Captain-General.

Worcester County, Worcester, Mass.; 60 knights; Worcester Brass Band, (20); Daniel F. Parker, E. Commander; Robert H. Chamberlain, Generalissimo; Justin E. Wood, Captain-General.

Pilgrim, Lowell, Mass.; 95 knights; American Brass Band, (25); John M. Pevey, E. Commander; Frederick Frye, Generalissimo; Arthur G. Pollard, Captain-General.

Palestine, Chelsea, Mass.; 125 knights; Maitland's Brockton Band, (25); John C. Hall, E. Commander; James Donaghy, Generalissimo; James N. Greenwood, Captain-General.

Winslow Lewis, Salem, Mass.; 45 knights, Haverhill Cornet Band, (25); John B. Hill, E. Commander.

Hugh de Payens, Melrose, Mass.; 75 knights; Wakefield Band, (22); James Swords, E. Commander; E. B. Fairchild, Generalissimo; John Viall, Captain-General.

Saint Omer, South Boston, Mass.; 75 knights; Brown's Brigade Band, (25); Benjamin Pope, E. Commander; George W. Kingman, Generalissimo; Francis C. Hersey, Captain-General.

Woonsocket, Woonsocket, R. I.; 62 knights; Woonsocket Band, (24); Edwin Aldrich, E. Commander; Charles W, Talbot, Generalissimo; M. P. Roberts, acting Captain-General.

Connecticut Valley, Greenfield, Mass.; 35 knights; Marvin S. Fellows, E. Commander; Charles Keith, Generalissimo; George Pierce, Jr., Captain-General.

William Parkman, East Boston, Mass.; 75 knights; Cobb's Mansfield Band, (22); William Waters, Jr., E. Commander; Philander Nutter, Generalissimo; True Scales, acting Captain-General.

South Shore, East Weymouth, Mass.; 100 knights; Weymouth Brass Band, (22); William Humphrey, E. Commander; William S. Wallace, Generalissimo; James H. Clapp, Captain-General.

Trinity, Hudson, Mass.; 52 knights; Marlboro Band, (22); J. L. Harriman, E. Commander; W. E. C. Worcester, Generalissimo.

Cœur de Lion, Charlestown, Mass.; 60 knights; Edmund's Band, (20); John B. Wilson, E. Commander; Caleb Rand, Generalissimo; Howard F. Rowe, Captain-General.

Bay State, North Bridgewater, Mass.; 50 knights; South Easton Band, (25); B. Sanford, Jr., E. Commander; H. H. Packard, Generalissimo; Frank Morton, Captain-General.

Calvary, Providence, R. I.; 65 knights; Samuel G. Stiness, acting E. Commander; Thomas H. Brownell, acting Generalissimo; Wm. M. Gifford, Captain-General.

Boston, Boston, Mass.; 210 knights; Guard of Honor to Grand Lodge of Massachusetts; Carter's Band, (25); Samuel Mason, Jr., E. Commander; Zeph. H. Thomas, Jr., Generalissimo; James H. Upham, Captain General.

1,274 knights; 332 musicians.

The escort was marched to Arlington Street, where they were inspected by the Grand Commander and his suite, and where the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts was formally received. The Templar escort then joined the military and civic procession and marched to the monument, when the lines were dismissed at about five o'clock, P. M.

My thanks are due to my aids for very efficient and acceptable services rendered freely, and, in many instances, at much personal sacrifice; and I also desire to thank Sir T. C. Lawton, who acted as my orderly during the day, having been assigned to that duty, at my request, by the Commander of Calvary Commandery.

NELSON W. ALDRICH,
Grand Generalissimo.

I also present the following communication from Grand Master Everett:

GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER,

MASONIC TEMPLE, BOSTON, Sept. 26, 1877.

Rev. Henry W. Rugg, R. E. Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, Providence.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—Permit me to return my sincere thanks to you, and through you to the officers and members of the Grand Commandery and to the Subordinate Commanderies, for the magnificent escort furnished the Grand Lodge on the occasion of the consecration of the Soldiers' and Sailors' monument in this city on the 17th inst.

It seems to be universally conceded that yours was the most brilliant display in the long procession, and the admirable manner in which your body was handled is deserving of all praise.

Again thanking you, not only on my own behalf, but on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, I am,

Yours truly and fraternally,

PERCIVAL LOWELL EVERETT,
Grand Master.

I may properly add that the officers of the Grand Commandery gratefully appreciate the courteous attentions shown them by Boston Commandery on this occasion.

MASONIC DEDICATION OF MONUMENT TO ROGER WILLIAMS.

On October 16th, in Providence, a monument was dedicated to Roger Williams. Masonic services were performed under the auspices of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, which had the escort of St. John's Commandery, and by whose invitation several other Commanderies in the near vicinity also paraded. The Grand Commander and suite were invited to attend, and were present as guests of the Grand Lodge. The Templar parade was an important feature of the occasion.

TACTICS AND DRILL.

Measures have been progressing for some years to secure a uniform system of tactics and drill, and to stimulate Commanderies and members of the Order to make improvements in this direction. Those efforts should be continued. In some sections of the country it may be that too much attention is given to the military side of Templarism, but that is not our danger—at least for the present. Grace and precision of movement, and some manifestation of order and discipline, are certainly demanded of an order such as ours which so frequently appears in public parade. To obtain such desired results a proper instruction is needed, much practice and attention to details, together with an appreciation of the work that is called for and the character that is to be sustained. Some of the Commanderies in this jurisdiction do themselves but little credit when they make an appearance in public. If they would act upon the motto, "Whatever is worth doing at all is worth doing well," they would quickly correct the irregular and slip-shod ways into which they have fallen.

DEATH OF PAST M. E. GRAND MASTER SIR WILLIAM ELLISON.

We do not gather here to-day with unbroken ranks. Several members of this Grand Body have been called away since our last Annual Session. They were good men and true, for whose departure we sincerely mourn. One of the Past Grand Commanders of this Body has also been called home. We shall miss from our Assemblies and deliberations Sir William Ellison, who departed this life, at his residence in Boston Highlands, on Sept. 23d, 1874. Sir Ellison was ardently devoted to the Templar Institution; he understood its character and teachings, and had done much to promote the welfare of the Order. His death occurred at a time when the Grand Commander and Council were absent at the Triennial Session of the Grand Encampment, and therefore these officers were necessarily absent from the funeral, which was solemnized on the Sunday following the death of Sir Ellison. On my return from Cleveland, I caused the following order to be promulgated:

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS AND APPENDANT ORDERS, OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

OFFICE OF R. E. GRAND COMMANDER,

PROVIDENCE, R. I., September 7, 1877.

To the Officers of the Grand Commandery, and to the several Commanderies in this Jurisdiction, Greeting:

Sir WILLIAM ELLISON, who was Deputy Grand Commander of this Grand Commandery in 1860 and 1861, and Grand Commander in 1862, finished his earthly course at his residence in Boston, on Thursday, the 23d ultimo, and was buried with knightly honors on the following Sunday.

He was a zealous and prominent member of our Order, whose interest in Templarism never flagged; to him the tribute of respect and remembrance is justly due.

It is therefore ordered that the jewels and swords of the officers of the Grand Commandery be draped in mourning for the next sixty days.

It is further ordered that this Order be read at the head of each Commandery at the next Regular Assembly, and be entered in its records.

HENRY W. RUGG,
Grand Commander.

Attest:
ALFRED F. CHAPMAN,
Grand Recorder.

CONCLUSION.

Brethren and Sir Knights:—My term of office as your Grand Commander is nearly at an end. By your will I have held for the past two years the high office which has been graced and honored by so many distinguished knights. That I appreciate the distinction which has been conferred upon me I hardly need say. That I entertain the most grateful feeling for that sympathy which has made my path an easy one, and my official labors comparatively light, you will understand without many words of mine. But you cannot know, nor have I any words at my command to tell you how my heart has been knit with yours by our works and experiences together, and by the many proofs I have experienced of the regard and good will of the knights of this jurisdiction. It saddens me for the moment beyond any expression that, for a time at least, I am not to be privileged to share these communions and gatherings which have often given the sweetest zest to my life. The past however is secure; the treasures of memory abide ever, and though I may go forth beyond the lines of this ancient and honored Grand Commandery, I shall cherish to my latest day the bright and refreshing remembrances connected with my Templar experiences in this jurisdiction.

And now, Sir Knights and Brethren, as I speak the word of official farewell, suffer the word of exhortation that you abide steadfastly in the principles and faith of Christian knighthood. Seek first of all to make your hearts and lives right in the sight of God, for

"He best deserves a knightly crest,
Who slays the evils that infest
His soul within. If victor here,
He soon will find a wider sphere.
The world is cold to him who pleads;
The world bows low to knightly deeds."

Then think of the duties and sacrifices to which you are called as loyal followers of Prince Immanuel! Think of Him who came not to be ministered unto, but to minister to others; who stooped to the humblest and poorest of God's children, to give them help; who was so brave and steadfast in his adherence to duty, as well as most gentle and tender, and loving; who for our sakes endured bitter pains and sorrows, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

Ponder thus upon the glorified life and sign which enter into the very heart of the Institution, that there may be born in your souls that self-devotion to duty and that chivalrous courage which will most grandly equip you for the service and sacrifice to which the Master bids his every follower. Then shall you live faithfully and bravely, giving and doing for others to the full measure of your ability, mindful that under the law of Christian obligation it is always the duty of the strong to help the weak; the duty of those most blessed to aid their brethren less favored than themselves. Thus shall lonely and forsaken hearts be lifted into light and life; poor and weary pilgrims traveling from afar shall be ministered unto; the broken-hearted shall be comforted; noble deeds of charity shall be wrought, and thus shall be rendered unto Christ an acceptable offering, for "inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

On motion of E. Sir Nelson W. Aldrich, it was

Voted, To refer the Address to committees as follows:

So much as relates to Decisions, to E. Sirs Tracy P. Cheever, Z. L. Bicknell and David Stevens.

To Ritual and Order of Malta, to E. Sirs Thomas A. Doyle, Samuel Mason, Jr., and C. C. Hutchinson.

To the appeal of Sir A. B. Wentworth, to E. Sir Nelson W. Aldrich, Caleb Saunders and Henry Chickering, with instructions to report at this session if possible.

To the death of Past M. E. Grand Master Ellison, to E. Sirs Wyzeman Marshall, William B. Blanding and E. H. Brainard.

And the remainder, to E. Sirs John N. Pike, J. H. Upham and Henry A. Pierce.

The committee appointed to report on the death of E. Sir Horace Daniels, submitted the following resolutions, which were adopted, the Sir Knights rising in token of respect and esteem for the deceased:

Resolved, That this Grand Commandery have heard with regret of the death of its Past Grand Generalissimo Sir Horace Daniels.

Resolved, That in the death of Sir Knight Daniels the fraternity suffer the loss of a zealous and consistent member and a generous Christian gentleman.

Resolved, That these resolutions be entered upon the records of the Grand Commandery, and recommend a page be set apart and suitably inscribed in his memory.

NELSON W. ALDRICH, }
DAVID F. PARKER, } Committee.

E. Sir George E. Stacy, for the committee on remainder of address, in October, 1876,

Reported, That the various subjects of special interest had been referred to and reported upon by other committees, hence there was nothing which required further attention; they would, however, commend the address to the consideration of all the Sir Knights.

At Refreshment.

At one o'clock and thirty minutes, P. M., the business of the Grand Commandery was suspended to allow the Sir Knights to partake of refreshment, provided under the care of the committee, and reported to be now ready.

On Duty.

At two o'clock and thirty minutes, P. M., the Sir Knights were called to duty, and the Grand Commandery proceeded to the dispatch of business.

The Committee on By-Laws

Reported, That they had approved amendments to the By-Laws of Cyprus, Sutton, Holy Sepulchre and Bethany Commanderies.

Report accepted, and the amendments confirmed.

On motion of E. Sir Thomas A. Doyle, it was

Voted, That a Special Committee on Penalty be appointed to consider and report what action should be taken against such Commanderies as neglect to make Annual Returns on or before October 10th in each year, as required by the Grand Constitution.

And E. Sirs William H. Kent, E. L. Freeman and Thomas A. Doyle, were appointed said committee.

ROLL CALL.

On proceeding to call the roll of members and Commanderies, the report of the Committee on Credentials was confirmed.

The committee on the death of P. M. E. William Ellison reported as follows:

IN GRAND COMMANDERY.

BOSTON, October 26th, 1877.

In Memoriam.

The bugle note of death again has sounded, and another honored Sir Knight has gone to his rest.

Sir William Ellison, Past M. E. Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, was born at Philadelphia, Pa., on the 22d of September, 1811, and passed to "that undiscovered country, from whose bourne no traveller returns," August 23, 1877, at his residence on Cottage Street, Boston Highlands, about 4 o'clock, P. M., surrounded by his family and friends, aged 66 years, 11 months and one day. He leaves a widow and one son, to whom we extend our heartfelt sympathy in this their hour of bereavement.

Sir William Ellison came to this city with his parents at an early age, was educated in our schools, and has been a resident of Boston or vicinity nearly all his life.

In early life he was engaged in manufacturing, and later in the leather business, but retired from mercantile pursuits over twenty years previous to his death. He has, however, since retiring, filled several positions of trust, such as treasurer of various firms and institutions.

He was at one time somewhat interested in municipal affairs, having been president of the Common Council of the city of Roxbury in 1855, and a candidate for mayor of that city a year or two later.

Sir William Ellison was made a Master Mason, in Columbian Lodge, May 21st, 1846. Affiliated with Mount Lebanon Lodge, and continued a contributing member thereof more than twenty years. He was elected Senior Warden of that Lodge to fill a vacancy, but declined further promotion.

He was exalted to the sublime degree of R. A. Mason in St. Paul's Chapter, in February, 1851, and was admitted to membership the 21st of October following. He was appointed Principal Sojourner, and, in 1852, was elected E. Scribe. He received a unanimous vote in 1853 for office of E. King. Absence from the State obliged him to withdraw from further service at that time. In 1862, he was again elected E. King, but resigned in 1863, he having become connected with the Commissariat of the army of the Potomac. While with the army he obtained from the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia a Warrant, or Dispensation, and, with other members of the order, established an Army Lodge, for the purpose of work while in winter quarters. The Lodge of the Union was opened for the first time February 29th, 1864, when Sir William Ellison was elected Worshipful Master. In 1875 he was elected and installed M. E. High Priest in St. Paul's Chapter of Boston.

He was created and dubbed Knight Templar in Boston Commandery May 21st, 1851; admitted to membership October 15th, same year, and on the same evening was elected Junior Warden, holding that office during six years. He was elected E. Commander in 1857, and presided with grace, ease and remarkable ability for four years. At the time of his death he was Recorder of Boston Commandery, discharging the important duties incumbent upon that office with integrity and fidelity, meriting the approval of every member.

Sir William Ellison served the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts and Rhode Island as Deputy Grand Master during 1860–61, and was elected, in 1862, Most E. Grand Master. He assisted in the formation of several of the bodies in the A. and A. Rite, located in Boston, and was appointed, Nov. 21st, 1862, by Letters Patent from the Supreme Council for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States, D. I. G. of the 33d and last degree, and Representative for the State of Massachusetts.

In addition to the foregoing, Sir William Ellison was for many years connected with the order of Odd Fellows. He was Grand Sire of that order for the United States in 1855, being the only person from New England ever honored by an election to that high position.

He was interred at Forest Hill Cemetery, Aug. 26th, 1877, with knightly honors. Boston Commandery of Knights Templars took charge of the

funeral, performed the services at the church on Dudley Street, Boston Highlands, and also at the grave, where the ceremony was conducted according to our ancient usage, in presence of large delegations of the brotherhood from the several orders to which he belonged, and he was laid quietly and peacefully at rest.

Sir William Ellison was devoted to our institutions, a true friend and genial man, conservative in his views, a ready debater and an eloquent speaker. He was usually present at our meetings, and always ready to fill any position which might tend to advance the interest or add to the glory of our rite.

Outside of his connection with the different orders of which he was a member, he most enjoyed the calm quiet of domestic life.

How sad the heart, how moist the eye as we place upon memorial record, one by one, the names of valiant knights whose lives have been made useful to our loved institutions and who now will be seen no more among us.

> "How must a spirit, late escaped from earth,
> The truth of things new blazing in his eye,
> Look back, astonished, on the ways of men,
> Whose lives' whole drift is to forget their graves!"

Respectfully submitted,

WYZEMAN MARSHALL.

SIR A. B. WENTWORTH vs. BOSTON COMMANDERY.

The committee in the case of Sir A. B. Wentworth, in appeal from the action of Boston Commandery discharging him from membership for non-payment of quarterages, found that the Commandery had proceeded regularly in the action taken, and recommended that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

The report was accepted and the recommendation adopted.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

THREE O'CLOCK, P. M.,—the hour assigned for the election of Officers—the R. E. Grand Commander appointed E. Sirs A. H. Howland, Jr., and E. J. Nightingale, committee No. 1, and E. Sirs E. L. Freeman and D. F. Parker, com-

mittee No. 2, to receive and report the result of the voting.

The committees reported as follows:

Grand Officers Elected.

Sir JOHN DEAN, Worcester, Mass.....R. E. Grand Commander.
Sir NELSON W. ALDRICH, Providence, R. I. V.E. D. Grand Commander.
Sir WILLIAM H. KENT, Charlestown, Mass. E. Grand Generalissimo.
Sir CALEB SAUNDERS, Lawrence, Mass.....E. Grand Captain-General.
Sir Rev. THOS. E. ST. JOHN, Worcester, Mass., E. Grand Prelate.
Sir SAMUEL MASON, JR., Boston, Mass.....E. Grand Senior Warden.
Sir GEORGE H. BURNHAM, Providence, R. I. E. Grand Junior Warden.
Sir WILLIAM PARKMAN, Boston, Mass.....E. Grand Treasurer.
Sir ALFRED F. CHAPMAN, Boston, Mass....E. Grand Recorder.

The R. E. Grand Commander appointed E. Sirs Henry Chickering and J. M. Pendleton a committee to escort V. E. Sir John Dean, R. E. Grand Commander elect, into the Grand Asylum, where he was received with appropriate honors and officially informed of his election to the high office, whereupon E. Sir Knight Dean expressed his deep sense of the honor conferred upon him, and heartily thanked the Sir Knights for their kindly expression of confidence in him.

The Grand Officers elect were severally officially informed of their election, and each accepted in terms expressive of their appreciation of the honor conferred.

INSTALLATION.

The R. E. Grand Commander invited the V. E. Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Encampment of the United States to occupy the Grand East and install the officers into their respective stations.

V. E. Sir John Dean was officially obligated and installed into the high office of R. E. Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, after which he announced the following

Appointed Officers.

Sir WILLIAM D. POOL, Lynn, Mass.....E. Grand Sword Bearer.
Sir MARVIN S. FELLOWS, Greenfield, Mass..E. Grand Standard Bearer.
Sir JAMES M. PENDLETON, Westerly, R. I..E. Grand Warder.
Sir GARDNER T. SANFORD, N. Bedford, Mass. E. Grand Captain of Guards.
Sir EDWARD L. FREEMAN, Pawtucket, R. I.
Sir E. DANA BANCROFT, Ayer, Mass..... } Grand Lecturers.
Sir CHARLES M. AVERY, Chelsea, Mass...
Sir BENJ. F. NOURSE, Cambridge, Mass....Grand Sentinel.

And the following Standing Committees:

ON CREDENTIALS.

Sirs James M. Greenwood, Albert H. Cushman, and James Swords.

ON PRINTING.

Sirs N. Van Slyck, Charles E. Powers, and Alfred F. Chapman.

ON BY-LAWS.

Sirs William B. Blanding, John N. Pike, and Walter B. Vincent.

The V. E. Grand Generalissimo then completed the services of installation, and official proclamation was made by E. Sir W. Marshall, acting Grand Senior Warden.

The Grand Sword Bearer, Grand Standard Bearer, and Grand Captain of Guards having been excused for absence, will hereafter be installed, as the Grand Commander may direct.

E. Sir E. L. Freeman offered the following preamble and resolution, which were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, We have learned with deep regret of the contemplated removal from this jurisdiction of R. E. Past Grand Commander H. W. Rugg, therefore,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to prepare resolutions expressive of the feelings of this Grand Body in relation thereto, with instructions to transmit a copy to R. E. Henry W. Rugg, and to have a copy spread upon the records of this Grand Body.

E. Sirs E. L. Freeman, N. Van Slyck and W. H. Kent, were appointed the committee, as provided in the resolution.

E. Sir E. L. Freeman offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Council be a committee to recommend a uniform costume, to be worn by the Grand Officers of this Grand Body while on official duty.

The resolution was lost, the Grand Commandery declining to legislate in the matter.

On motion of E. Sir W. H. Kent, it was again

Voted, That the Grand Council be a committee, with full powers, to procure new *Jewels* for the Officers of the Grand Commandery.

At the request of E. Sir N. W. Aldrich, the Drill adopted by this Grand Commandery was recommitted to the committee for revision in minor particulars—if found to be expedient—and the committee was instructed to report a plan for promulgating the same.

On motion of V. E. Sir Benjamin Dean, the Grand Recorder was instructed to furnish a copy of the Templars' Companion to each officer of the Grand Commandery, in accordance with the vote of adoption passed October, 1876.

On motion of E. Sir Caleb Saunders, it was

Voted, That the committee be authorized to communicate with all Commanderies that have not taken action on the DRILL, and ask a reply from each, as to how many copies they will take, or if any.

The business before the Grand Commandery being concluded, the R. E. Grand Commander expressed his satisfaction with the result, and for the harmony which had prevailed throughout.

The Grand Commandery was then adjourned.

A true report of the official acts and doings of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendent Orders, of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, at its Assemblies held during the year.

ATTEST: ALFRED F. CHAPMAN,
Grand Recorder.

Representatives of other Grand Commanderies near the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

Kansas.....E. Sir BENJAMIN DEAN, Boston, Mass.
New Jersey.....E. Sir WILLIAM S. GARDNER, Newton, Mass.
Pennsylvania.....E. Sir ALFRED F. CHAPMAN, Boston, Mass.
Indiana.....E. Sir HENRY CHICKERING, Pittsfield, Mass.
California.....E. Sir CHARLES H. TITUS, Boston, Mass.
New York.....E. Sir WILLIAM S. GARDNER, Newton, Mass.
Kentucky.....E. Sir WYZEMAN MARSHALL, Boston, Mass.
Vermont.....E. Sir ALFRED F. CHAPMAN, Boston, Mass.
Iowa.....E. Sir NICHOLAS VAN SLYCK, Providence, R. I.
Nebraska.....E. Sir HENRY W. RUGG, Providence, R. I.
Maryland.....E. Sir THOMAS A. DOYLE, Providence, R. I.
Minnesota.....E. Sir CHARLES A. STOTT, Lowell, Mass.
Illinois.....E. Sir WILLIAM S. GARDNER, Newton, Mass.
Missouri.....E. Sir WILLIAM S. GARDNER, Newton, Mass.
Georgia.....E. Sir MARLBOROUGH WILLIAMS, Boston, Mass.
Louisiana.....E. Sir WILLIAM S. BAKER, Boston, Mass.
Mississippi.....E. Sir N. VAN SLYCK, Providence, R. I.
Wisconsin.....E. Sir CHARLES A. STOTT, Lowell, Mass.
Tennessee.....E. Sir WILLIAM D. POOL, Lynn, Mass.
Texas .....E. Sir GEORGE H. BURNHAM, Providence, R. I.

Representatives of this Grand Commandery near other Grand Commanderies.

Pennsylvania.....E. Sir JAMES M. PORTER, Easton.
Vermont.....E. Sir W. H. H. WHITCOMB, Burlington.
Louisiana.....E. Sir JOSEPH P. HORNOR, New Orleans.
Kentucky.....E. Sir WILLIAM ALVA WARNER, Louisville.
Georgia.....E. Sir CHARLES R. ARMSTRONG, Macon.
Nebraska.....E. Sir EBEN K. LONG, Omaha.
Indiana.....E. Sir DAVID P. WHEDON, Fort Wayne.
Virginia.....E. Sir WILLIAM B. ISAACS, Richmond.
Illinois.....E. Sir PHILANDER W. BARCLAY, Cairo.
New York.....E. Sir ROBERT H. WATERMAN, Albany.
Iowa.....E. Sir ROBERT F. BOWER, Keokuk.
Maryland.....E. Sir FRANK J. KUGLER, Baltimore.
Minnesota.....E. Sir HENRY L. CARVER, St. Paul.
New Jersey.....R. E. Sir WILLIAM H. McILHANNEY, Elizabeth.
Wisconsin.....E. Sir WILLIAM H. HINER, Fon du Lac.
Connecticut.....V. E. Sir HENRY WOODWARD, Middletown.
Tennessee.....Sir CHARLES H. EASTMAN, Nashville.
Maine.....E. Sir JOHN W. BALLOU, Bath.
Texas.....E. Sir WILLIAM H. NICHOLS, Galveston.

Sir William Ellison,

MOST EMINENT GRAND MASTER,

IN 1862.

BORN SEPTEMBER 22, A. D. 1811, IN PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

DIED AUGUST 23, A. D. 1877, IN BOSTON, MASS.

He received the applause of his Brethren, because he served well.

Sir Horace Daniels,

GRAND GENERALISSIMO IN 1871–73.

BORN IN GRAFTON, MASS., MARCH 15TH, 1823.

DIED IN CENTRAL FALLS, R. I., DECEMBER 14TH, 1876.

He rests from his labors.

George Frank Gouley,

GRAND RECORDER

OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF MISSOURI,

AND

REPRESENTATIVE OF THIS GRAND COMMANDERY NEAR THAT.

BORN IN WILMINGTON, DEL., FEBRUARY 15TH, 1832.

DIED IN ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, APRIL 12TH, 1877.

His death was sudden; and yet, for him "there is no death."

R. E. Sir Charles Marsh,

PAST GRAND COMMANDER

OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF CALIFORNIA.

REPRESENTATIVE OF THIS GRAND COMMANDERY NEAR THAT.

BORN IN VERMONT.

DIED IN NEVADA CITY, CALIFORNIA, APRIL 28, A. D. 1876.

AGED 51.

A gentle and upright Sir Knight.

NECROLOGY.

1876-77.

In Memoriam

St. John's Commandery.

Sir Clark W. Allen,
" Joseph Belcher,
" Alex. F. Campbell,
" John H. Cole,
" Pelig C. Remington,
" James H. Warren.

Boston Commandery.

Sir Calvin Ames,
" Henry J. Bacon,
" Lewis Rice,
" George L Barr,
" Daniel Rickerby.

Newburyport Commandery.

Sir Paul G. Lunt,
" Samuel M. Noyes.

Washington Commandery.

Sir Albert H. Palmer,
" Gilbert Chace.

Worcester County Commandery.

Sir Levi Rawson,
" Alfred F. Hewett,

Springfield Commandery.

Sir J. J. Anderson,
" George Fowler,
" Robert S. Howard,
" Thorn Jordan.

De Molay Commandery.

Sir Henry Davis,
" A. S. Cushman.

Holy Sepulchre Commandery.

Sir Horace Daniels.

Pilgrim Commandery.

Sir Albert Wheeler,
" Jonathan Rice,
" Samuel K. Hutchinson.

Palestine Commandery.

Sir Edwin Barnes.

Milford Commandery.

Sir Frederick S. Cox.

Calvary Commandery.

Sir Julius P. Bullock.

Old Colony Commandery.

Sir DAN PACKARD.

Sutton Commandery.

Sir AMASA L. GLEASON,
" JAMES H. C. RICHMOND.

Bethany Commandery.

Sir CHARLES HENRY EVERETT,
" GEORGE FRENCH.

Winslow Lewis Commandery.

Sir JACOB F. BROWN.

Jerusalem Commandery.

Sir FRANK L. BOUTELLE.
" OTIS F. RUGGLES,
" JOHN SAXTON.

Hugh De Payens Commandery.

Sir JOSEPH F. TURNER.

St. Omer Commandery.

Sir WALTER E. HAWES,
" JAMES B. ROBB,
" CALVIN TERRY,
" WILLIAM F. WILSON.

Woonsocket Commandery.

Sir AUGUSTUS D. CLARK.

Connecticut Valley Commandery.

Sir WENDALL T. DAVIS.

Joseph Warren Commandery.

Sir CHARLES R. CUTTER,
" CHARLES E. CARTWRIGHT.

William Parkman Commandery.

Sir ELISHA POTE,
" E. C. CHAMBERLAIN,
" JOSEPH MARSHALL.

South Shore Commandery.

Sir ABRAHAM H. THAYER,
" WARREN WHITE BARKER,
" ROYAL WHITON.

Cœur de Lion Commandery.

Sir HORATIO G. WALDRON,
" GEORGE H. W. HERRICK.

Gethsemane Commandery.

Sir C. E. CHENERY.

Olivet Commandery.

Sir WILLIAM H. STONE.

Athol Commandery.

Sir GEORGE H. HOYT.

"He giveth his Beloved sleep."

ORGANIZATION

OF THE

Grand Commandery of Knights Templars

AND APPENDANT ORDERS,

Of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

OCTOBER 26, 1877.

Sir JOHN DEAN, Worcester, Mass.,
R. E. Grand Commander.

Sir NELSON W. ALDRICH, Providence, R. I.,
V. E. Deputy Grand Commander.

Sir WILLIAM H. KENT, Charlestown, Mass.,
E. Grand Generalissimo.

Sir CALEB SAUNDERS, Lawrence, Mass.,
E. Grand Captain-General.

Sir Rev. THOMAS E. ST. JOHN, Worcester, Mass.,
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Sir SAMUEL MASON, Jr., Boston, Mass.,
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Sir CHARLES M. AVERY, Chelsea, Mass.,
Grand Lecturers.

Sir BENJAMIN F. NOURSE, Cambridge, Mass.,
Grand Sentinel.

PAST GRAND COMMANDERS

OF THE

GRAND COMMANDERY OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

NAMES.	RESIDENCE.	MEMBER OF WHEN IN OFFICE.	YEARS.
* Sir THOMAS SMITH WEBB,	Providence, R. I.	St. John's,	1805–17
* Sir WILLIAM WILKINSON,	Providence, R. I.	St. John's,	1818–19
* Sir HENRY FOWLE,	Boston, Mass.	Boston,	1820–25
* Sir JOHN CARLILE,	Providence, R. I.	St. John's,	1826–28
* Sir JOHN JAMES LORING,	Boston, Mass.	Boston,	1829–31
* Sir ROBERT LASH,	Boston, Mass.	Boston,	1832
* Sir EDWARD ASA RAYMOND,	Boston, Mass.	Boston,	1833–34
Sir ABRAHAM ANNIS DAME,	Boston, Mass.	Boston,	1835–36
* Sir JOHN HEWS,	Cambridgeport, Mass.	Boston,	1837–38
* Sir CHARLES WHITLOCK MOORE,	Boston, Mass.	Boston,	1839–41
* Sir JOHN FLINT, M. D.,	Boston, Mass.	Boston,	1842–44
* Sir JOHN BARRETT HAMMATT,	Boston, Mass.	Boston,	1845–46
* † Sir RUEL BAKER,	Boston, Mass.	Boston,	1847
* Sir JOHN RUFUS BRADFORD,	Boston, Mass.	Boston,	1848–50
Sir JAMES HUTCHISON,	Providence, R. I.	St. John's,	1851–53
* Sir SIMON WIGGIN ROBINSON,	Lexington, Mass.	De Molay,	1854–55
Sir DANIEL HARWOOD, M. D.,	Boston, Mass.	Boston,	1856–57
* Sir WINSLOW LEWIS, M. D.,	Boston, Mass.	Boston,	1858–59
* Sir WILLIAM FIELD,	Providence, R. I.	Holy Sepulchre,	1860–61
* Sir WILLIAM ELLISON,	Boston, Mass.	Boston,	1862
Sir WILLIAM SEWALL GARDNER,	Newton, Mass.	Pilgrim,	1863–64
Sir Rev. CHARLES HENRY TITUS,	Boston, Mass.	St. John's,	1865–66
Sir WILLIAM WILSON BAKER,	Boston, Mass.	St. Bernard,	1867–68
Sir BENJAMIN DEAN,	Boston, Mass.	St. Omer,	1869–70
Sir NICHOLAS VAN SLYCK,	Providence, R. I.	Calvary,	1871–73
Sir CHARLES A. STOTT,	Lowell, Mass.	Pilgrim,	1874–75
Sir HENRY W. RUGG,	Providence, R. I.	St. John's,	1876–77

Deceased, 17; living, 10.

* Deceased. † Died while in office as Grand Master.

NOTE.—Until and including 1868, the nomenclature was M. E. GRAND MASTER and GRAND ENCAMPMENT.

PAST DEPUTY GRAND COMMANDERS

OF THE

GRAND COMMANDERY OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

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* Sir HENRY FOWLE, Boston, Mass.....1818–19
* Sir JOHN CARLILE, Providence, R. I.....1820–24
* Sir PETER GRINNELL, Providence, R. I.....1825–28
* Sir JOSIAH WHITAKER, Providence, R. I.....1829–30
* Sir ROBERT LASH, Boston, Mass.....1831
* Sir THOMAS POWER, Framingham, Mass.....1832
Sir ABRAHAM ANNIS DAME, Boston, Mass.....1833–34
* Sir JOHN HEWS, Cambridgeport, Mass.....1835–36
* Sir CHARLES WHITLOCK MOORE, Boston, Mass.....1837–38
* Sir JOHN FLINT, M. D., Boston, Mass.....1839–41
* Sir JOHN BARRETT HAMMATT, Boston, Mass.....1842–44
* Sir RUEL BAKER, Boston, Mass.....1845–46
* Sir JOHN RUFUS BRADFORD, Boston, Mass.....1847
Sir JAMES HUTCHISON, Providence, R. I.....1848–50
* Sir SIMON WIGGIN ROBINSON, Lexington, Mass.....1851–53
Sir DANIEL HARWOOD, M. D., Boston, Mass.....1854–55
Sir JOHN MCCLELLAN, Boston, Mass.....1856–57
* Sir WILLIAM FIELD, Providence, R. I,.....1858–59
* Sir WILLIAM ELLISON, Boston, Mass.....1860–61
‡ Sir 1862
Sir Rev. CHARLES HENRY TITUS, Boston, Mass.....1863–64
Sir WILLIAM WILSON BAKER, Boston, Mass.....1865–66
Sir BENJAMIN DEAN, Boston, Mass.....1867–68
Sir WILLIAM STEELE SHURTLEFF, Springfield, Mass.....1869–70
Sir CHARLES A. STOTT, Lowell, Mass.....1871–73
Sir HENRY W. RUGG, Providence, R. I.....1874–75
Sir SAMUEL C. LAWRENCE, Medford, Mass.....1875–76
Sir JOHN DEAN, Worcester, Mass.....1876–77

* Deceased, 15; living, 12.

‡ Expelled.

PAST GRAND GENERALISSIMOS

OF THE

GRAND COMMANDERY OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

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* Sir Henry Fowle, Boston, Mass. 1805–17
* Sir John Carlile, Providence, R. I. 1818–19
* Sir Peter Grinnell, Providence, R. I. 1820–24
* Sir John James Loring, Boston, Mass. 1825–28
* Sir Robert Lash, Boston, Mass. 1829–30
* Sir Jacob Amee, Boston, Mass. 1831
* Sir Edward Asa Raymond, Boston, Mass. 1832
* Sir John Hews, Cambridgeport, Mass. 1833–34
Sir Gilbert Nurse, Boston, Mass. 1835
* Sir Charles Whitlock Moore, Boston, Mass. 1836
* Sir John Flint, M. D., Boston, Mass. 1837–38
* Sir John Barrett Hammatt, Boston, Mass. 1839–41
* Sir Ruel Baker, Boston, Mass. 1842–44
* Sir James Saulsbury, Providence, R. I. 1845
* Sir James Rufus Bradford, Boston, Mass. 1846
Sir James Hutchison, Providence. R. I. 1847
* Sir Simon Wiggin Robinson, Lexington, Mass. 1848–50
Sir Daniel Harwood, M. D., Boston, Mass. 1851–53
Sir John McClellan, Bosson, Mass. 1854–55
* Sir Cyrus Fisher, Providence, R. I. 1856
* Sir Samuel Lewis, Providence, R. I. 1857
* Sir Charles Robbins, Boston, Mass. 1858–59
‡ Sir 1860–61
Sir William Sewall Gardner, Lowell, Mass. 1862
Sir William Wilson Baker, Boston, Mass. 1863–64
Sir Thomas Arthur Doyle, Providence, R. I. 1865
* † Sir Henry Butler, Providence, R. I. 1866
Sir William Bullock Blanding, Providence, R. I. 1867–68
Sir Nicholas Van Slyck, Providence. R. I. 1869–70
* Sir Horace Daniels, Pawtucket, R. I. 1871–73
Sir Wyzeman Marshall, Boston, Mass. 1874–75
Sir John Dean, Worcester, Mass. 1875–76
Sir Nelson W. Aldrich, Providence, R. I. 1876–77

* Deceased, 20; living, 12; † Died while in office.

‡ Expelled.

PAST GRAND CAPTAINS-GENERAL

OF THE

GRAND COMMANDERY OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

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* Sir JONATHAN GAGE, Newburyport, Mass.....1805–14
* Sir JOHN CARLILE, Providence, R. I.....1815–17
* Sir PETER GRINNELL, Providence, R. I.....1818–19
* Sir HENRY PURKITT, Boston, Mass.....1820–24
* Sir JOHN JAMES LORING, Boston, Mass.....1823–24
* Sir JOSIAH WHITAKER, Providence, R. I.....1825–28
* Sir JACOB AMEE, Boston, Mass.....1829–30
* Sir THOMAS POWER, Framingham, Mass.....1831
Sir ABRAHAM ANNIS DAME, Boston, Mass.....1832
* Sir JOSEPHYOUNG, JR., Newburyport, Mass.....1833
Sir GILBERT NURSE, Boston, Mass.....1834
* Sir CHARLES WHITLOCK MOORE, Boston, Mass.....1835
* Sir JOHN FLINT, M. D., Boston, Mass.....1836
* Sir JOHN BARRETT HAMMATT, Boston, Mass.....1837–38
* Sir WILLIAM FIELD, Providence, R. I.....1839–41
* Sir BARNEY MERRY, Pawtucket, R. I.....1842–43
* Sir JAMES SAULSBURY, Providence, R. I.....1844
* Sir SAMUEL FESSENDEN, Portland, Maine.....1845
Sir JAMES HUTCHISON, Providence, R. I.....1846
* Sir SIMON WIGGIN ROBINSON, Lexington, Mass.....1847
* Sir WINSLOW LEWIS, M. D., Boston, Mass.....1848–49
* Sir MOSES RICHARDSON, Providence, R. I.....1850
* Sir ASA WOODBURY, Wilkinsonville, Mass.....1851–53
* Sir CYRUS FISHER, Providence, R. I.....1854–55
* Sir JAMES WARHAM CROOKS, Springfield, Mass.....1856
* Sir JOHN BLAKE REED, Pawtucket, R. I.....1857
Sir GEORGE FRANCIS WILSON, Providence, R. I.....1858–59
Sir WILLIAM SEWALL GARDNER, Lowell, Mass.....1860–61
Sir Rev. CHARLES HENRY TITUS, Taunton, Mass.....1862
Sir THOMAS ARTHUR DOYLE, Providence, R. I.....1863–64
Sir BENJAMIN DEAN, Boston, Mass.....1865–66
Sir WILLIAM STEELE SHURTLEFF, Springfield, Mass.....1867–68
Sir CHARLES ADAMS STOTT, Lowell, Mass.....1869–70
Sir HENRY CHICKERING, Pittsfield, Mass.....1871–73
Sir JOHN DEAN, Worcester, Mass.....1874–75
Sir NELSON W. ALDRICH, Providence, R. I.....1875–76
Sir GEORGE E. STACY, Milford, Mass.....1876–77

* Deceased, 23; living, 14.

RECAPITULATIONS.

The Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island is composed of

Grand Officers (Sentinel excluded)	16
Past Grand Officers, (permanent members, excluding present Grand Officers)	20
Past Commanders of Subordinate Commanderies (permanent members not included in enumeration of past or present Grand Officers, or present Commanders)	154
Commanders, Generalissimos, and Captains-General of 39 Subordinate Commanderies	117
Total	307
Whole number of Knights affiliated with Subordinate Commanderies, including the above	5,847

MAINE ENCAMPMENT, PORTLAND, MAINE.

CHARTER, March 17, 1821.

PAST COMMANDERS.

(While under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.)

Sir Rev. SOLOMON SIAS,
Sir THOMAS S. BOWLES,
Sir JOSEPH M. GERRISH,
Sir SAMUEL FESSENDEN.

Maine Encampment ceased to be under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, October 10, 1849. In 1854 it was removed from Portland to Gardiner, where it is now located.

VILLAGE ENCAMPMENT, GREENWICH, MASS.

CHARTER, June 16, 1825.

PAST COMMANDERS.

* Sir Rev. EZIEKIEL L. BASCOMB, 1825.
Sir Rev. LUCIUS R. PAGE, D. D., 1826.
* Sir JOHN WARNER, 1827.
* Sir Rev. JOSHUA FLAGG, 1828.

The last recorded Assembly of this Encampment was held April 14, 1829. Its Charter was declared forfeited by a vote of the Grand Encampment, at a Special Assembly, held February 28, 1838. The records were finally restored to the Grand Recorder November 13, 1876, and are now in the Archives of the Grand Commandery.

OF SUBORDINATE

NAME OF COMMANDERY.	DATE OF CHARTER.	REGULAR ASSEMBLIES.	E. COMMANDERS.
Saint John's	March 7, 1805	1st Monday each month	George H. Burnham
Boston	March 3, 1806	3d Wednesday each month	James H. Upham
Newburyport	May 12, 1808	3d Thursday " "	John N. Pike
Washington	June 7, 1814	3d Wednesday " "	William Gilpin
Worcester County	Dec. 17, 1824	1st Thursday " "	David F. Parker
Springfield	June 19, 1826	1st Monday " "	Henry H. Banks
De Molay	Oct. 10, 1848	4th Wednesday " "	Charles B. Lancaster
Holy Sepulchre	Sept. 25, 1849	Friday on or before full moon	Henry A. Pierce
Pilgrim	Oct. 10, 1855	Wednesday after full moon	John M. Pevey
Palestine	Oct. 28, 1859	2d Wednesday each month	John C. Hall
Milford	Oct. 28, 1859	4th Monday " "	James M. Woods
Saint Bernard	Oct. 28, 1859	2d Wednesday " "	John Kent
Calvary	May 22, 1860	1st Tuesday " "	Charles B. Webster
Haverhill	May 13, 1863	2d Tuesday " "	Nathan S. Kimball
Old Colony	Oct. 26, 1863	Monday after full moon	William H. Maine
Sutton	May 5, 1864	1st Thursday " "	Gardner T. Sanford
Bethany	Oct. 28, 1864	Last Tuesday " "	Thomas Leyland
Winslow Lewis	June 27, 1865	3d Thursday " "	William Sutton
Jerusalem	May 5, 1865	3d Thursday " "	John W. Kimball
Hugh de Payens	March 27, 1865	2d Wednesday " "	James Swords
Saint Omer	Oct. 27, 1865	2d Monday " "	Benjamin Pope
Berkshire	Dec. 22, 1865	3d Monday " "	Henry Chickering
Woonsocket	Jan. 31, 1867	2d Tuesday " "	Edward Aldrich
Connecticut Valley	Dec. 22, 1866	1st Tuesday " "	Marvin S. Fellows
Godfrey de Bouillon	May 29, 1868	2d Wednesday " "	Charles E. Gifford
Joseph Warren	Jan. 1, 1869	1st Monday " "	Charles Harris
Narragansett	May —, 1869	2d Monday " "	Robert F. Latimer
William Parkman	May 12, 1870	2d Thursday " "	William Waters, Jr.
Bristol	May 28, 1870	Friday on or before full moon	Jacob Silloway, Jr.
Northampton	June 2, 1870	2d Monday each month	Luke Lyman
South Shore	June 9, 1870	Monday on or before full moon	William Humphrey
Natick	April 12, 1871	1st Monday each month	William H. Wright
Cœur de Lion	Oct. 14, 1871	3d Tuesday " "	John B Wilson
Trinity	April 8, 1871	Thursday on or before full moon	James L. Harriman
Gethsemane	May 20, 1872	Monday before full moon	William W. Keith
Olivet	March 13, 1873	1st Wednesday each month	John Shaw, 2d
Athol	June 7, 1873	1st Wednesday " "	Cephas L Sawyer
Bay State	Sept. 13, 1873	1st Monday " "	Baalis Sanford, Jr.
Cyprus	Oct. 31, 1873	4th Tuesday " "	Henry C. Chamberlain.

COMMANDERIES.

GENERALISSIMOS.	CAPTAINS-GENERAL.	RECORDERS.	LOCATION.
Newton D. Arnold	Walter B. Vincent	Wm. R. Greene	Providence, R. I.
J. F. Lotts	John L. Stevenson	Zeph. H. Thomas, Jr	Boston, Mass.
Moses H. Fowler	Warren Currier	George H. Stevens	Newburyport, Mass.
William G. Stevens	Henry Bull, Jr	Frank H. Wilks	Newport, R. I.
Robert H. Chamberlain	Justin E. Wood	Daniel Seagrave	Worcester, Mass.
Joseph S. Noble	*Smith R. Phillips	O. K. Merrill	Springfield, Mass.
Joseph B. Mason	John Mack	George Phippen, Jr	Boston, Mass.
George A. Sweet	Stephen R. Bucklin	Osmond H. Briggs	Pawtucket, R. I.
Frederick Frye	Arthur G. Pollard	J. W. B. Shaw	Lowell, Mass.
James Donaghy	James N. Greenwood	Charles S. Bentley	Chelsea, Mass.
Thomas C. Eastman	Julius M. Woods	Lewis Fales	Milford, Mass.
William W. McKim	W. H. Kennard	Richard Briggs	Boston, Mass.
Samuel G. Stiness	W. M. Gifford	Arthur W. Dennis	Providence, R. I.
Dexter B. Vickery	Frank C. Swan	Francis J. Stevens	Haverhill, Mass.
Silas B. Dickerman	Frederick S. Strong	Erastus M. Nash	Abington, Mass.
Henry Field, Jr	James Taylor	H. W. Emerson	New Bedford, Mass.
George F. Talbot	J. B. Smith	P. B. Robinson	Lawrence, Mass.
John B. Hill	William Babson	Henry A. Brown	Salem, Mass.
George V. Barrett	David A. Corey	Charles H. Morgan	Fitchburg, Mass.
Rev. E. B. Fairchild	John Viall	Daniel D. Devereux	Melrose, Mass.
George W. Kingman	Francis E. Hersey	Alban S. Greene	South Boston, Mass.
George C. Dunham	Charles E. Morey	Theo. L. Allen	Pittsfield, Mass.
Charles W. Talcott	Joshua E. Blood	Samuel P. Cook	Woonsocket, R. I.
Charles Keith	George Pierce, Jr.	Charles P. Forbes	Greenfield, Mass.
Alfred H. Hartley	George E Hoar	Edward F. Lucas	Fall River, Mass.
Solomon A. Bolster	G. R. Emerson	L. B. Dutton	Bost'n Highl'ds, Mass.
Samuel H. Cross	Alva A. Crandall	James F. Pendleton	Westerly, R. I.
Philander Nutter	Wesley Gove	James B. Ditmars	East Boston, Mass.
Thomas G. Sandland	Arthur E. Codding	James A. Codding	No. Attleboro', Mass.
William C. Pomeroy	Stephen B. Fuller	Vernet E. Cleveland	Northampton, Mass.
William S. Wallace	James H. Clapp	Charles N. Marsh	East Weymouth, Mass.
George J. Townsend	Samuel O. Daniels	Claudius B. Travis	Natick, Mass.
Caleb Rand	Howard F. Rowe	Samuel E. Chandler	Boston, Mass.
W. E. C. Worcester	Julius A. Clisbee	John F. Cotting	Hudson, Mass.
Henry C. Hayden	James B. Fuller	John S. Hayes	Newtonville, Mass.
Nathan B. Fletcher	Ephraim A. Ingalls	William B. Phillips	Lynn, Mass.
James H. Waite	H. C. Tenney	L. E. Peirce	Athol, Mass.
H. H. Packard	Frank Morton	H. Herbert Howard	Brockton, Mass.
Henry S. Bunton	George F. Lincoln	George H. Butler	Hyde Park, Mass.

* Died while in office.

PAST EMINENT COMMANDERS,

DECEASED AND LIVING.

St. John's Commandery.

DECEASED.

THOMAS SMITH WEBB,
JOHN CARLILE,
SAMUEL JACKSON,
ASA BOSWORTH,
JESSE CLARK,
JOSIAH WHITAKER,
WILLIAM C. BARKER,
MOSES RICHARDSON,
JAMES SALSBURY,
PARDON CLARKE,
BARNEY MERRY,
* WILLIAM FIELD,
CYRUS FISHER,
JOHN SHEPLEY.

LIVING.

OLIVER JOHNSON,
* CHARLES H. TITUS,
DANIEL ROUNDS, Jr.
STILLMAN WHITE,
† SAMUEL S. GINNODO,
A. CRAWFORD GREENE,
SPENCER P. READ,
JAMES H. ALLEN,
* HENRY W. RUGG,
ALBERT H. CUSHMAN,
ROBERT E. DWELLY,
WILLIAM JACKSON,
THOMAS A. DOYLE.

Boston Commandery.

DECEASED.

HENRY FOWLE,
ROBERT LASH,
JOHN J. LORING,
† EDWARD A. RAYMOND,
THOMAS POWER,
JOHN HEWS,
JOHN FLINT,
† CHARLES W. MOORE,
RUEL BAKER,
JOHN B. HAMMATT,
WINSLOW LEWIS,
JOHN R. BRADFORD,
SAMUEL PEARCE.
* WILLIAM ELLISON,

LIVING.

* ABRAHAM A. DAME,
* GILBERT NURSE,
* DANIEL HARWOOD,
JOHN K. HALL,
* WYZEMAN MARSHALL,
CHARLES C. DAME,
CHARLES E. POWERS,
WILLIAM SAYWARD,
HENRY ENDICOTT,
SAMUEL C. LAWRENCE,
SAMUEL MASON, Jr.

Newburyport Commandery.

DECEASED.

NATHANIEL KNAPP,
RICHARD S. SPOFFORD.

Washington Commandery.

DECEASED.

JOHN A. SHAW,
ISAAC STALL,
H. J. HUDSON.

LIVING.

NATHAN H. GOULD,
JOHN ELDRED,
WILLIAM J. UNDERWOOD,
DAVID STEVENS.

* Represented in Past or Present Grand Officers.
† Dimitted and has membership elsewhere.

Worcester County Commandery.

DECEASED.

Asa Woodbury,
Henry Earle,
Seth P. Miller,
Levi Rawson.

LIVING.

Albert Case,
George W. Bentley,
Henry Goddard,
John Dean,
T. E. St. John,
Henry C. Wadsworth.

Springfield Commandery.

DECEASED.

Henry Dwight,,
John Newbury,
James W. Crook,
John B. Kirkham,
Isaac D. Gibbons.

LIVING.

Ocran Dickerson,
William S. Shurtleff,
Albert H. Kirkham,
Daniel Reynolds,
Albert H. Foth,
Samuel B. Spooner,
George W. Ray,
Peter S. Bailey,
H. H. Banks.

De Molay Commandery.

DECEASED.

Edward A. Raymond,
Charles W. Moore,
S. J. M. Homer.

LIVING.

Thomas R. Lambert,
Clement A. Walker,
* William Parkman,
‡ Edwin C. Bailey,
William F. Davis,
John W. Dadmun,
Marlborough Williams,
John M. Clark.

Holy Sepulchre Commandery.

DECEASED.

William Field,
Alvin Jenks,
George A. French,
Nathan P. Towne,
Horace Daniels.

LIVING.

*† James Hutchison,
Claudius B. Farnsworth.
Sylvanus Clapp,
Bela P. Clapp.
* Edward L. Freeman,
J. Sewall Read,
Edwin Clapp.

Pilgrim Commandery.

DECEASED.

Cadwallader F. Blanchard.
Samuel K. Hutchinson,

LIVING.

* William S. Gardner,
Joseph Bedlow,
William F. Salmon,
Samuel D. Sergeant.
* Charles A. Stott,
Hocum Hosford,
Charles E. A. Bartlett,
Charles C. Hutchinson.

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† Dimitted and has membership elsewhere.
‡ Not now a member.

Palestine Commandery.

DECEASED.

CHARLES A. DAVIS.

LIVING.

* CHARLES M. AVERY,
TRACY P. CHEEVER,
GEORGE H. MARDEN,
CHARLES F. HAYNES,
DANIEL E. CHASE,
CHARLES T. GAY,
WILLIAM D. SEELY,
JOHN C. HALL.

Milford Commandery.

DECEASED.

J. HARDING SMITH.

LIVING.

GEORGE E. JOHNSON,
‡ ISAAC BRITTON,
EDWIN F. WHITING,
WILLIAM H. PHIPPS,
* GEORGE E. STACY,
LEONARD FAIRBANKS,
SULLIVAN C. SUMNER,
SAMUEL A. FISHER,
SILAS W. HALE.

St. Bernard Commandery.

LIVING.

* WILLIAM W. BAKER,
P. ADAMS AMES,
HENRY MULLIKEN,
F. LYMAN WINSHIP,
CHARLES A. WELCH,
SAMUEL WELLS,
OTIS E. WELD.

Calvary Commandery.

DECEASED.

HENRY BUTLER.

LIVING.

† * THOMAS A. DOYLE,
LEVI L. WEBSTER,
* WILLIAM B. BLANDING,
EDWIN J. NIGHTINGALE,
CHARLES R. DENNIS,
† JAMES M. PENDLELTON,
THOMAS PHILLIPS, JR.,
* NELSON W. ALDRICH,
JOHN P. LUTHER,
HENRY C. FIELD,
ISAAC H. SAUNDERS,
EUGENE D. BURT.

Haverhill Commandery.

DECEASED.

GEORGE W. CHASE.

LIVING.

JAMES E. GALE,
CARLOS P. MESSER,
NATHAN S. KIMBALL.

Old Colony Commandery.

LIVING.

WILLIAM W. WHITMARSH,
SAMUEL B. THAXTER,
† ZACHARIAH L. BICKNELL,
STEPHEN S. BRADFORD,
AMOS S. STETSON.

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† Dimitted and has membership elsewhere.

‡ Not now a member.

Sutton Commandery.

LIVING.

JOHN B. BAYLIES,
A. H. W. CARPENTER,
JOHN A. LEE,
A. H. HOWLAND, JR.

Bethany Commandery.

LIVING.

‡ PARDON ARMINGTON,
WILLIAM H. JAQUITH,
D. FRANK ROBINSON,
* CALEB SAUNDERS,
JOHN HAIGH,
G. M. STODDARD,

Winslow Lewis Commandery.

LIVING.

WILLIAM SUTTON,
GEORGE E. PEIRSON.

Jerusalem Commandery.

LIVING.

* E. DANA BANCROFT,
JOHN BURNEY,
SULLIVAN W. HUNTLEY,
ALBERT L. FESSENDEN,
JOHN W. KIMBALL.

Hugh De Payens Commandery.

LIVING.

LORING L. FULLER,
F. J. FOSS,
JOHN B. NORTON,
THOMAS WINSHIP,
J. D. PARKER,
SMITH B. HARRINGTON,

St. Omer Commandery.

DECEASED.

DUNCAN MCBEAN THAXTER.

LIVING.

* BENJAMIN DEAN,
† N. A. APOLONIO,
CHARLES H. WHITE,
EDWARD H. BRAINARD,
BENJAMIN POPE.

Berkshire Commandery.

LIVING.

HEZEKIAH S. RUSSELL,
TRUMAN E. COLE.

Woonsocket Commandery.

LIVING.

EMERSON GODDARD,
IRA W. ARNOLD,
STAFFORD W. RAZEE,
F. G. JILLSON,
MOSES P. ROBERTS,
WALTER E. PARKER,
EDWARD ALDRICH.

Connecticut Valley Commandery.

DECEASED.

* WENDELL T. DAVIS,

LIVING.

REV. PETER V. FINCH,
WILLIAM S. SEVERANCE,
CHARLES E. SEVERANCE,
BOWDOIN S. PARKER.

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Godfrey de Bouillon Commandery.

LIVING.

ROBERT HENRY,
ROBERT C. BROWN,
STEPHEN W. BUTLER,
JOHN B. WHITTAKER,
GEORGE A. BALLARD,
CHARLES E. GIFFORD,

Joseph Warren Commandery.

LIVING.

JAMES C. TUCKER,
SAMUEL LITTLE.
* GEORGE MOULTON,
JOHN F. NEWTON.

Narragansett Commandery.

LIVING.

GEORGE G. STILLMAN,
AZRO N. LEWIS,
J. ALONZO BABCOCK.

William Parkman Commandery.

LIVING.

SETH C. AMES,
ALBERT B. BARRETT,
WILLIAM J. ELLIS,
ERASTUS H. DOOLITTLE,

Bristol Commandery.

LIVING.

CHARLES E. SMITH,
SAMUEL S. GINNODO,
JOHN L. KENDALL,
DANIEL H. SMITH.

Northampton Commandery.

LIVING.

DAVID W. CRAFTS,
JOSIAH H. PRINDLE,
JOSEPH C. WILLIAMS.

South Shore Commandery.

LIVING.

ZACHARIAH L. BICKNELL,
GEORGE W. FAY.

Natick Commandery.

LIVING.

JAMES H. PARKER.

Cœur de Lion Commandery.

LIVING.

* WILLIAM H. KENT,
WILLIAM PATTERSON.

Trinity Commandery.

LIVING.

N. S. CHAMBERLAIN.

Gethsemane Commandery.

LIVING.

JAMES M. GREENWOOD,
ROBERT L. DAVIS.

Olivet Commandery.

DECEASED.

GEORGE W. KEENE.

LIVING.

WILLIAM D. POOL.

Athol Commandery.

LIVING.

VERNON O. TAYLOR.

Bay State Commandery.

LIVING.

EDWARD PARKER.

Cyprus Commandery.

LIVING.

GAMALIEL HODGES.

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Deceased, 57.

ADDRESS OF GRAND OFFICERS.

GRAND COMMANDER, - - - JOHN DEAN,

WORCESTER, MASS.

GRAND RECORDER, - - ALFRED F. CHAPMAN,

223 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MASS.